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NOTE BY THE PRINTERS:

Believing that his brother Nobles will appreciate the compliment to the newly-elected incumbent, we have taken the liberty of presenting them a half-tone portrait of the Eminent Sir Knight and Noble, Imperial Recorder Benjamin W. Rowell, 33°, which we trust will be received with the same interest and pleasure with which it is presented.

Courteously yours,

E. B. STILLINGS & CO.

Boston, October, 1894.



J. B. Powell, 33°

IMPERIAL RECORDER.

مجلس السلطاني

THE

Imperial Council

الخوية قديم عربى

Ancient Arabic Order

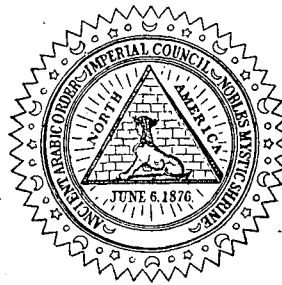
OF THE

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

اشراف المسجد سري

FOR NORTH AMERICA.

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TWENTIETH ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS,
JULY 24 AND 25, 1894,
HELD AT DENVER, COLORADO.

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IMPERIAL COUNCIL,
ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER
OF THE
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE
FOR
NORTH AMERICA.



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WILLIAM B. MELISH	<i>Imperial Potentate</i>
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INDIANAPOLIS, IND.	
CYRUS W. EATON	<i>Imperial Assistant Rabban</i>
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.	
A. B. MCGAFFEY	<i>Imperial High Priest and Prophet</i>
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ETHELBERT F. ALLEN	<i>Imperial Oriental Guide</i>
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GREENBUSH HEIGHTS, N.Y.	
THADDEUS B. BEECHER	<i>Imperial Second Ceremonial Master</i>
BRIDGEPORT, CONN.	
WILLIAM H. S. WRIGHT	<i>Imperial Marshal</i>
ST. PAUL, MINN.	
JOHN H. ATWOOD	<i>Imperial Captain of Guard</i>
LEAVENWORTH, KAN.	
HORACE K. BLANCHARD	<i>Imperial Outer Guard</i>
PROVIDENCE, R.I.	

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TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION,

1894.

IN accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on time and place of next meeting, appointed at the Nineteenth Annual Session of the Imperial Council, held in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 13th and 14th days of June, 1893, the Twentieth Annual Session of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America was held in El Jebel Temple, Denver, Colorado, commencing on Tuesday, July 24, 1894, at 10 o'clock A.M.; notice of which session was issued to all Officers, Representatives and Temples, as follows:—

ANNUAL NOTICE.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER NOBLES OF THE
MYSTIC SHINE FOR NORTH AMERICA.

OFFICE OF IMPERIAL POTENTATE,
PITTSBURGH, PA., May 24, 1894.

TO THE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, TO ALL POTENTATES OF SUBORDINATE TEMPLES, AND TO THE NOBILITY OF OUR ORDER:

ES SELAMU ALEIKUM!

The Twentieth Annual Session of the Imperial Council will be held in Masonic Temple, Sixteenth and Welton Streets, Denver, Colorado, on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 24 and 25, 1894. The first day's session will commence at 10 o'clock A.M.

The Headquarters of the Congress will be at Brown's Palace Hotel.

All Nobles who will be in attendance are respectfully requested to correspond with Noble W. W. Anderson, Potentate of El Jebel Temple, 1631 Curtis Street, Denver, Colorado, in reference to rooms, that accommodations may be secured in time.

Potentates and Representatives are requested to transmit to the Imperial Recorder, immediately, all papers referring to By-Laws, Appeals, Grievances, Reports, Amendments to the Constitution, etc., that the same may be presented to the proper committees as soon as possible. Temples under dispensation will forward to the Imperial Recorder a full report of all work done up to June 1, 1894, accompanying said report with the dispensation itself, that the Committee on Dispensations and Charters may investigate the same and make recommendation to the Imperial Council.

RAILROAD RATES. — A circular will be issued in a few days giving the round trip rates from the different cities where Temples are located to Denver and return.

COMMITTEES. — All Committees are requested to have their Reports ready for presentation at the Session, as early as possible.

The following are the Standing Committees: —

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

JOHN W. BOYLE	.	.	.	.	.	Utica, N.Y.
JOHN T. BRUSH	.	.	.	.	.	Indianapolis, Ind.
CHARLES W. CUSHMAN	.	.	.	.	.	Buffalo, N.Y.
THADDEUS B. BEECHER	.	.	.	.	.	Bridgeport, Conn.
HARRISON DINGMAN	.	.	.	.	.	Washington, D.C.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

WILLIAM M. KNIGHT	Chicago, Ill.
A. G. SHEARMAN	Cleveland, O.
WAYLAND TRASK	Brooklyn, N.Y.
EUGENE S. ELLIOTT	Milwaukee, Wis.
LOU B. WINSOR	Grand Rapids, Mich.

MILEAGE AND PAY OF REPRESENTATIVES.

S. R. ELLISON	New York, N.Y.
A. V. HOLMES	Pittsburgh, Pa.
LOUIS P. ECKER	Richmond, Va.
JOHN HOYT	Davenport, Ia.
FRANK G. MAUS	Erie, Pa.

TRANSACTIONS OF IMPERIAL OFFICERS.

MATTHEW R. WOLFF	Wheeling, W. Va.
GEORGE H. BURNHAM	Providence, R.I.
CYRUS W. EATON	Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
OTTO F. STIFEL	St. Louis, Mo.
JOSEPH B. HUDSON	Minneapolis, Minn.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

DWIGHT BYINGTON,	Leavenworth, Kan.
HENRY P. KEISER	Reading, Pa.
J. W. KNOWLTON	Bridgeport, Conn.
LEVI C. GOODALE	Cincinnati, Ohio.
D. W. DOOM	Austin, Texas.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

CHARLES CARY	Philadelphia, Pa.
BENJ. W. ROWELL	Boston, Mass.
CHARLES F. BECK	Detroit, Mich.
GEORGE W. MILLAR	New York, N.Y.
JOSEPH SWOPE	Dallas, Texas.

CREDENTIALS.

THOMAS J. BISHOP	Greenbush Heights, N.Y.
S. O. SPRING	Peoria, Ill.
H. C. STOCKDELL	Atlanta, Ga.
E. F. ALLEN	Kansas City, Mo.
GEORGE W. STARR	Baltimore, Md.

DECEASED MEMBERS.

FREDERICK FAYRAM	Detroit, Mich.
M. H. GARTEN	Lincoln, Neb.
CHARLES A. HILLER	Salina, Kan.
D. B. WADDELL	Meridian, Miss.
PARK DAVIS	Sioux Falls, S.D.

RITUAL.

Alabama	A. J. CAMP.
Arkansas	JOHN T. BRUSH ^{MARSH}
California	HIRAM T. GRAVES.
Canada	HENRY A. COLLINS.
Colorado	A. B. MCGAFFEY.
Connecticut	THAD. B. BEECHER.
District of Columbia	GEORGE H. WALKER.
Florida	IRVING E. BAIRD.
Georgia	H. C. STOCKDELL.
Illinois	S. O. SPRING.
Indiana	R. O. HAWKINS.
Iowa	WILLIS S. GARDNER.
Kansas	CHARLES A. HILLER.
Kentucky	WILLIAM RYAN.
Louisiana	RICHARD LAMBERT.
Maine	GEORGE D. BABBITT.
Maryland	J. B. SCHWATKA.
Massachusetts	THOMAS WATERMAN.
Michigan	LOU B. WINSOR.
Minnesota	W. H. S. WRIGHT.
Missouri	ETHELBERT F. ALLEN.
Mississippi	D. B. WADDELL.
Montana	JAMES D. FINN.
Nebraska	HENRY C. AKIN.
New Mexico	JOSEPH H. KUHN.
New York	HENRY STOWELL.
North Dakota	ALBERT B. GUPTILL.
Ohio	SAM BRIGGS.
Oregon	IRVING W. PRATT.
Pennsylvania	WILLIAM S. BROWN.
Rhode Island	HORACE K. BLANCHARD.
South Dakota	HARRY R. SANBORN.
Tennessee	A. N. SLOAN.
Texas	D. W. DOOM.
Utah	ARTHUR M. GRANT.
Vermont	COLLINS BLAKELY.
Virginia	LOUIS P. ECKER.
Washington	F. J. SCHUG.
West Virginia	MATTHEW R. WOLFF.
Wisconsin	EUGENE S. ELLIOTT.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION. — The following unfinished business from the Annual Session of 1893 will come up for action (offered by Noble William S. Brown): That Article V., Section 7, be so amended

by inserting therein, previous to Section 7, the following words: "He shall have power, when in his judgment the exigencies of the case require, to suspend from office any officer of the Imperial Council until the next session, and to provide during such suspension for the performance by another of the duties of the officer so suspended."

The Nobles of El Jebel Temple will give a hospitable welcome and generous entertainment to the Imperial Council.

Your presence at this coming Session of the Imperial Council is fraternally solicited.

Courteously yours in the Shrine,

THOS. J. HUDSON,
Imperial Potentate.

ATTEST:

FRANK M. LUCE,
Imperial Recorder.

OFFICE OF IMPERIAL POTENTATE,
PITTSBURGH, PA., June 4, 1894.

Supplement No. 1 to the Call dated May 24, 1894.

TO THE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, TO ALL POTENTATES OF SUBORDINATE TEMPLES, AND TO THE NOBILITY OF OUR ORDER:

RAILROAD FARES. — Rate from Missouri River common points to Denver, Colorado Springs or Pueblo, and return, to be \$15.00; from Eastern Committee territory, one standard first-class fare (not temporarily reduced rate), added to rate of \$15.00 from Missouri River Territory (\$17.00 from Sioux City). Tickets to be sold from both Eastern Committee and Trans-Missouri territories on July 21 and 22, 1894, to be good for going passage commencing date of sale only, and limited to continuous passage in both directions east of Colorado common points. Tickets to be good for return passage leaving Colorado common points on July 27, Aug. 2 or Aug. 25, 1894; tickets to be executed at Colorado common point from which the passenger starts on his continuous return journey. Ironclad signature descriptive form of ticket, same as used for regular summer tourist business to Colorado, to be used.

The route west of Chicago will be *via* C. & N. W. and U. P. Railways.

The route from New York will be *via* West Shore R.R., New York, Chicago & St. Louis R.R., Chicago & North-Western and Union Pacific Railways.

In the Committee on Ritual, as noted in the Original Call, John T. Brush to represent Arkansas, substitute the name John T. Marsh.

In the Committee on Deceased Members, substitute the name of Clarence E. De Camp of Los Angeles in place of Frederick Fayram of Detroit, Mich.

The following amendments to the Constitution were received too late to print in the Regular Call dated May 24, 1894:—

Amendments to the Constitution and Law of the Imperial Council, proposed by Syrian Temple, N..M..S.: By Levi C. Goodale, Allen Andrews, Jacob H. Bromwell, Howard Douglass and Wm. B. Melish, members of the Imperial Council:—

SECTION 2, ARTICLE III. Amend so as to read, "Each Temple shall annually elect by ballot," etc.

SECT. 1, ART. V. Amend by adding the words, "He may censure or suspend Temples; or discipline and suspend officers or members of Temples for violation or disobedience of the Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council; said suspension to be in force until the next session of the Imperial Council."

ART. IX. Amend by adding the words, "He shall receive for his services the sum of One Hundred Dollars per annum."

SECT. 1, ART. XI. Amend by striking out the words, "At least sixty days before the meeting," and insert "at the beginning of each session."

SECT. 2, ART. XIII. To amend by striking out the words, "In each state or territory within the United States where two or more Temples of the Order exist, no Charter or Dispensation shall be granted except by action of the Imperial Council."

SECT. 7, ART. XIII. Amend by adding, "A Temple under Dispensation is not entitled to representation in the Imperial Council," to the first clause of said section.

SECT. 1, ART. XIV. Change to read, "Provided also that Temples occupying the same State or Territory may agree upon concurrent jurisdiction within or an equitable division of their territory, should they so desire; provided also, that the Imperial Council may declare concurrent jurisdiction or an equitable division of territory between all Temples in States where more than one Temple exists," etc.

ART. XXIV. To amend by adding, "Each application received shall be referred to a committee for investigation and shall lie over until the next meeting of the Temple before ballot can be had upon it, unless the Imperial Potentate grant a special dispensation to the Temple, authorizing them to receive petition and ballot upon them at the same meeting; in which event the members of the Temple must receive due and timely notice of said dispensation."

SECT. 6, ART. XXX. Amend by striking out all of the section and putting in its place, "Any member of a Temple may object to the presence in his (the objector's) own Temple of any visiting member of the Order, should he desire to do so."

SECT. 1, ART. XIV. Amend by striking out all of the section commencing with "Jurisdictional boundaries between any two Temples are determined," etc., and ending with "The latter line will constitute the jurisdictional boundary between the two Temples."

SECT. 3, ART. III. Amend to make read, "The number of membership by which the number of Representatives shall be determined shall be the membership of the Temple on the date of its annual meeting for the election of officers, in December of each year."

ART. XXXII. Amend so as to read, "Each Temple shall annually elect its officers and its representative or representatives to the Imperial Council at a stated session, to be held in December; and the installation of officers shall take place immediately or at its first succeeding session. Should it be impossible to hold the election as required above, a special dispensation to hold said election must be obtained from the Imperial Potentate. In the event of the resignation of any officer or representative, the Temple may elect a successor without special dispensation for that purpose, provided notice is given the members of the Temple that said election will be held."

ART. XXXIII. Amend by striking out "The 15th day of January," and inserting "the first day of May"; also by striking out "January 15th," and inserting "May 15th"; also by striking out "after three months' notice," and inserting "after fifteen days' notice."

Courteously yours in the Shrine,

THOS. J. HUDSON,
Imperial Potentate.

Attest:

FRANK M. LUCE,
Imperial Recorder.

Noble Thomas J. Bishop, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, reported more than five Temples represented, and a sufficient number present to open the Imperial Council.

The Imperial Potentate, Thomas J. Hudson, then opened the Imperial Council in full ceremonial form, after an invocation to Allah by the Reverend Noble John Westley Geiger, and the Imperial Council was declared open in its Twentieth Annual Session and in order for business.

Noble W. W. Anderson, Potentate of El Jebel Temple, greeted the Nobility with the following words of welcome:—

Imperial Potentate and Nobles of the Mystic Shrine: One of the most pleasing duties of my life now devolves upon me—that of welcoming you to the shades of the Rocky Mountains. In welcoming you, gentlemen, we have to say that we regret our inability to entertain you as we would like to do. You perhaps have noticed that our decorations are not as elaborate as we would like to have them; but you must remember that the finances of the country have not been in the best of shape. In welcoming you we have been disposed to accord you the best feeling. I thank you for your presence here; and anything that El Jebel can do for your pleasure we will strive to do.

Upon request of the Imperial Potentate, Thomas J. Hudson, who was suffering from a throat trouble, Noble John H. Atwood of Abdallah Temple of Leavenworth, Kan., responded as follows:—

I rise to attempt the performance of the duty assigned to me with a more perfect sense of my own unworthiness than is ordinarily the case, and Allah knows that that is complete enough; because last night I devoted myself with such a singleness of purpose to a thorough investigation of the magnificent irrigating system of your great Commonwealth that I am now in such a state physically and mentally as might by some be deemed deplorable. They tell me that the rarity of the atmosphere at this exalted altitude explained away the fact that what seemed to be near was actually far; and when I said that the irrigating ditches were getting pretty close together they told me that the rarity of the atmosphere explained all that, and that I must not permit myself to be deceived. The result is that I now feel like crying as did Benjazel when he stood upon the Soldan Soladin: "Would that I had the powers of Hafez, whose lips were brushed by the olive branch of learning dipped in the honey dew of eloquence;" for know, O ruler of El Jebel, thou man of the mountain! as the name of your Temple would suggest, that on me is laid, by the commands of our Imperial Potentate, the duty of finding words in some degree commensurate with this occasion; for it is written, "If ye are greeted with a greeting, be not lacking in words, however homely, to return it." And are we not greeted, O Nobles of the Mystic Shrine? Sweet as a well in the desert, O Emir! were the words of welcome which you have caused to enter the portals of our ears to find a habitation in our hearts. We are strangers within your gates, and you have failed in no duty of hospitality; and in this ye heeded the wise words of the Prophet (blessings upon Him), for he hath said: "The food thou gavest to the stranger is not lost even unto thyself, for while he increaseth with the nourishment thereof, is not thine own honor and fair fame nourished as well?" And the wise man from the North, the teller of tales from the land of Scotia, has said: "'Stranger' is a holy name"; and it is true; and it is a good saying; and when the stranger chances to be a shriner, he is a holy man as well.

We have come from far, and from more diverse directions than came the Wise Men who journeyed to Bethlehem when the Star blazed above the manger. From the shores of the Giant Lakes we come, whose hoarded waters keep atune the mighty diapason of Niagara. From the craggy coast of the newer England, whose shores are forever ermined with the perennial snows of the ceaseless surf. From the flower-spangled and sun-glinted Savannas of the South, and from the snowy peaks and golden sands of the farthest Occident, we come, to sit beneath your tents, to touch your salt and break your bread (and incidentally a bottle or two), and to teach by unobtrusive examples the beauties of holy living. And for the blessings that must of necessity flow from our presence here, we trust that you will give due thanksgiving to Allah, the bountiful.

And deem not our words vaunting, O Soldan of the city; for great is the Order of the Mystic Shrine!

Out from the desert it came, from the desert, the Mother of Mystery, and in the building of its primal temple,

"No hammers fell, no iron axes rung;
Like some tall palm the mystic structure sprung."

In the son of the Prophet we have our source (may his name be laden with praises); from the sanctified city his messengers went forth, to Yemen, to Nedjed, to Jabel Shomer, over the brown, wind-blown Barcan sands, to far Omar, summoning the heads of the tribes, the leaders. And then did the sheiks and emirs gather. And then thundered the Moslem steeds over the plain; and at last, kneeling within the sacred temple, their hands touching the blessed black stone of the Kaaba, the vow was spoken

and the shrine was born; and to this day it has grown mightily; yea, by the splendor of Allah, it has waxed exceedingly. Westward the tide of Moslem conquest rolled, across the sands churned by the chariot wheels of Cambyzes, by the Nile, her banks bruised by the heel of Hiksos, the buskins of Cyrus, the sandal of Caesar; on by the desolated site of ancient Carthagera, to the pillared gateway of the mighty inter-continental sea; through the mountains of Granada and the vales of Andalusia, scaling the Pyrenees, and stayed at last by the hammer-hand of Carl Martel. But though the march of Koran and sword was stopped by the hammer of Frangistan, the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine was never stayed. Leaping the ocean, it planted its banner on the shores of the new world, and now within the jurisdiction of North America we are numbered by thousands and by tens of thousands; and now from plain and vale and mountain fastness the gilded domes of our many temples flash back the glory of the morning sun.

Tell to the men of your city, O man of El Jebel! that such is the Order whose representative here gives you greeting for greeting, salutation for salutation, and who receives your kindly words of welcome with the gratitude of the weary wayfarer.

And your city is worthy of our presence; as fair an abode for man as was ever golden at noon, or silvern in the moon-garnished night. Ninevah with her gates of brass; Palmyra with her pillars of porphyry; the violet-crowned city of the Athenians; Cusco, while the Incas yet were kings, with its temple roofs of beaten gold gleaming like a mighty jewel in the breast of the Cordilleras: all those were cities fair to look upon; yet none of them could outshine in splendor your city, this magnificent municipality of the mountains. To enjoy its splendors, may you live a thousand years; may you and your people be among the best beloved of Allah, the Bountiful; may the portals of His bursting store-houses be ever open to your hand; may your flocks be a thousand upon a thousand hills; may the herds of your camels darken the plain; may your steeds be as the stars in number and for every steed, a spear; and may your sons be as brave and wise as the men of your tribe, and your daughters as fair as their mothers, who, blushing like the pomegranates of Engadi, and with brows snowy as the lilies that bloomed in the lily-fields by Babylon, are as fair as the garden that made like to Paradise the vale of Kashmere. These, O Caliph! are the words of the Commander of the Faithful, spoken at his bidding by the sheik of the temple of Abdallah. Bismalla!

PRESENT AT THE OPENING.

OFFICERS.

THOMAS J. HUDSON	Imperial Potentate
CHARLES L. FIELD	Imperial Deputy Potentate
— — —	Imperial Chief Rabban
— — —	Imperial Asst. Rabban
A. B. MCGAFFEY	Imperial High Priest and Prophet
ALONZO BRYMER	Imperial Oriental Guide
JOSEPH S. WRIGHT	Imperial Treasurer
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THOMAS J. BISHOP	Imperial Marshal
THADDEUS B. BEECHER	Imperial Captain of Guard
— — —	Imperial Outer Guard

MEMBERS.

Noble John H. Atwood.	Noble Clarence E. De Camp.
" Ethelbert F. Allen.	" Harrison Dingman.
" Charles H. Armatage.	" Cyrus T. Darling.
" W. W. Anderson.	" D. J. Dickinson.
" David R. Alling.	" M. A. Doran.
" Allen Andrews.	" Joseph L. Dobbin.
" Henry C. Akin.	" Louis P. Ecker.
" James J. Anderton.	" Cyrus W. Eaton.
" Dwight Byington.	" Joseph B. Eakins.
" Sam Briggs.	" Saram R. Ellison.
" W. H. Brown.	" Charles L. Field.
" Thomas J. Bishop.	" W. B. Felker.
" J. P. Barnes.	" James A. Fox.
" Austin D. Brown.	" William Finder, Jr.
" Thomas Baker, Jr.	" Charles E. Fink.
" Owen A. Bassett.	" John W. Geiger.
" George L. Brown.	" Willis S. Gardner.
" C. E. Birchard.	" Arthur M. Grant.
" William F. Beck.	" James Garrity.
" Horace K. Blanchard.	" Frank T. Gilbert.
" George D. Babbitt.	" Melchert H. Garten.
" Irving E. Baird.	" Levi C. Goodale.
" Charles F. Beck.	" James Gilbert.
" Lou Burt.	" Henry Gibbon.
" Collins Blakely.	" John Graham.
" John M. Birch.	" George F. Hart.
" E. E. Baldwin.	" Moses M. Hobart.
" Thaddeus B. Beecher.	" Charles A. Hiller.
" William S. Brown.	" John Hoyt.
" Jacob H. Bromwell.	" Richard S. Huntington.
" M. L. Buchwalter.	" Ed. R. Harris.
" John W. Boyle.	" Hugh A. Holmes.
" E. C. Bartholomew.	" John Horrocks.
" Frank J. Bassett.	" Thomas J. Hudson.
" Frank W. Churchouse.	" A. V. Holmes.
" Charles W. Cushman.	" Joseph B. Hudson.
" Charles Cary.	" W. E. Joseph.
" John S. Coon.	" Edward B. Jordan.
" Leonard W. Campbell.	" R. M. Johnson.
" J. W. Chamberlain.	" Alfred B. Keller.
" Henry A. Collins.	" Joseph H. Kuhns.
" Augustus J. Camp.	" Lawrence M. Knepfly.
" Park Davis.	" Erastus C. Knight.

Noble William M. Knight.	Noble Caleb Saunders.
“ Julius W. Knowlton.	“ Aldon G. Shearman.
“ Henry P. Keiser.	“ John J. Sullivan.
“ James Kerr, Jr.	“ Arnold Shanklin.
“ Richard Lockey.	“ Joseph Swope.
“ Richard Lambert.	“ Clarence E. Stump.
“ D. D. Leach.	“ S. O. Spring.
“ Frederick Leibbrandt.	“ Otto F. Stifel.
“ Frank M. Luce.	“ Joseph W. Smith.
“ A. B. McGaffey.	“ E. Shattuck.
“ Frank T. Mason.	“ John A. Schlener.
“ Geo. W. Millar.	“ J. B. Schwatka.
“ James McGee.	“ A. N. Sloan.
“ William H. Mayo.	“ Wayland Trask.
“ Henry H. McGaffey.	“ Harry D. Wilson.
“ O. W. Metcalf.	“ Thomas Waterman.
“ John T. Marsh.	“ George H. Walker.
“ John H. Mauritius.	“ James H. Wardle.
“ William B. Melish.	“ John H. Wiles.
“ Noble F. Martin.	“ William H. Whiting.
“ J. P. Morrow.	“ D. B. Waddell.
“ Benjamin F. Nelson.	“ William H. Winterbotham.
“ Irving W. Pratt.	“ Charles M. Waterman.
“ Benjamin W. Rowell.	“ Joseph S. Wright.
“ Henry J. Ravold.	“ William H. S. Wright.
“ Wm. Ryan.	“ Lou B. Winsor.
“ Charles S. Robinson.	“ Fred. C. Whipple.

VISITORS.

A large number of the Nobles of the Order, who were visitors from various parts of the United States and Canada, were present at the opening.

APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES.

The Imperial Potentate appointed Noble Wayland Trask of Kismet Temple as Imperial Chief Rabban *pro tem.*, Noble Cyrus W. Eaton of El Kahir Temple as Imperial Assistant Rabban *pro tem.*, and Noble Horace K. Blanchard of Palestine Temple as Imperial Outer Guard *pro tem.*

Noble Field moved, That the reading of the proceedings of the last Annual Session, held at Cincinnati, Ohio, be dispensed with, and it was so ordered.

The Imperial Potentate submitted and delivered the following address:—

ANNUAL ADDRESS

TO THE

IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE,

BY

THOMAS J. HUDSON, Imperial Potentate.

*To the Officers and Members of the Imperial Council,**A. A. O. N. M. S.**"ES SELAMU ALEIKUM."*

We have assembled in this, the prosperous and metropolitan city of the Silver State, to celebrate the close of the nineteenth year of the establishment of our grand and glorious Order in North America; to review the records and proceedings of the past year, and to effect such legislation for the future as may be deemed wise and requisite for the welfare, continued prosperity and harmony of the Order throughout the Imperial Jurisdiction. The results of past deliberations of this Body have been apparent in many ways, evincing beneficially the great good and the unparalleled success of the cause, and warrant the hope and belief that by a continuance of wise legislation, good government and earnest zeal in the well being of the Shrine, increased strength and greater prosperity will henceforth characterize our already established existence, and promote a longevity that shall prove invulnerable against the attacks of our adversaries, the imprudence of our members, and the innovations of time.

Invoking the spirit of harmony upon your deliberations, I will briefly review the transactions of my office since our last annual session, and in a concise form present for your consideration and disposal such recommendations as appear to me good for the future government and welfare of the organization.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

During the past year the prosperity of the Order has continued unabated, and notwithstanding the disastrous effects of universal apathy in all branches of business, the very gratifying increase in membership under the existing financial depression is marvelous. On Dec. 31st, 1892, the total membership was 27,161, and Dec. 31st, 1893, it was 31,394; a gain of 4,233 during that period. It is safe to say that our present membership is not far from 35,000. The growth of the institution in the number of Temples has been small. The establishing of new Temples in territory already crowded, or where the available material for membership is inadequate, has been avoided, as far as possible, in the issue of dispensations.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

During the year death has made but few inroads into our Body. Up to the present writing of this paper, so far as I am advised, but one member of our Council has been called to the Unseen Temple. He to whom I refer was so well known to nearly all of our membership as to require no eulogy from me. Illustrious Noble, Frank Locke, late Imperial Chief Rabban of the Imperial Council, died at Boston, Mass., on Friday, April 6th, 1894.

Noble Locke was a native of New Hampshire, and was born March 13th, 1847. He had, at the time of his death, two brothers, John E. Locke, of Centre Harbor, N. H., and William Locke, of Iowa, and a sister in California.

At the age of sixteen years Noble Locke enlisted in the volunteer army of the United States, going to the front with the 2d regiment, New Hampshire volunteers. At the close of the war he went to Boston, spending the year 1866 as a clerk in the old hotel that stood at the corner of Parke Square and Pleasant Street. In 1867 he opened a wine and lunch room at No. 6 Broad Street, where he remained until two years ago, when he opened the establishment in Winter Place. He was industrious and attentive to business, and starting with nothing, he became proprietor of one of the finest places in his line of business, in that city.

He married Miss Emma Hatch seventeen years ago, and she, with two sons, aged sixteen and twelve respectively, survive him.

He was a member in good standing of Gate of the Temple Lodge of Boston; St. Matthew's Royal Arch Chapter; St. Omer Commandery, K. T.; Lafayette Lodge of Perfection, Guild F. Yates Council Princes of Jerusalem, Mt. Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix, and Massachusetts Consistory. He had been a director of Aleppo Temple since its organization, and continuously served as Representative to the Imperial Council.

He was also a member of the Gettysburg Post 191, G. A. R., of Boston.

The funeral was held Monday, April 9th, at two o'clock, under the auspices of St. Omer Commandery, K. T.

DISPENSATIONS, CHARTERS, ETC.

By authority of resolutions adopted at the 19th Annual Session of this Imperial Council, charters have been issued to the following Temples, viz.:

To Mohammed Temple,	-	-	-	-	Peoria, Ill.
" Rajah Temple,	-	-	-	-	Reading, Penn.
" Hamasa Temple,	-	-	-	-	Meridian, Miss.
" Naja Temple,	-	-	-	-	Deadwood, So. Dakota.

By the same authority dispensations have been issued to the following named Temples, viz.:

To Ahmed Temple, at	-	-	-	-	Marquette, Mich.
" Aladdin Temple, at	-	-	-	-	Columbus, Ohio.

The latter dispensation was issued after Syrian, Al Koran and the proposed new Temple at Columbus had filed in writing with the Imperial Potentate and Imperial Recorder a paper duly signed and agreeing upon jurisdictional lines within the State of Ohio.

The dispensation granted to India Temple at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Territory, was, by resolution of the Imperial Council, continued until the present session.

I take pleasure in recommending that charters be granted at this session to Aladdin Temple, at Columbus, Ohio, and to Ahmed Temple, at Marquette, Mich., as both have shown most commendable zeal and progress since receiving their dispensations. I have received no report of the transactions of India Temple at Oklahoma, but it is probable that the required report has been filed with the Imperial Recorder, and will be duly referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters for such recommendations as it may deem proper to submit to the Council.

At a regular meeting of El Kalch Temple, of Salt Lake City, Utah, held March 14th, 1894, a number of members of said Temple, but residing at Ogden, Utah, presented and read a petition for a dispensation to organize a Temple at the latter place, which petition was duly signed by forty-eight Nobles residing at Ogden, and addressed to the Imperial Council; whereupon a motion was made and seconded, that El Kalch Temple recommend or consent to the granting of the dispensation. Potentate McDowell ruled the motion out of order, and declined to permit the members then assembled to vote upon it, basing his reasons therefor on the terms set forth in Section 1 and 2 of Article 13 of the Imperial Constitution and Laws. The motion to grant consent was renewed, and again the Potentate ruled the same to be improper and out of order, and declined to entertain the motion or submit it to the members present to be voted upon; nor would he permit discussion thereon. The Potentate's reasons for ruling the motion out of order were, 1st: That the said petition was improperly before the Temple, in that it should have been filed with the Recorder of the Temple thirty days before it could be voted upon, and all members of the Temple duly notified thereof. 2d: That the petition was not in proper form, for the reason that it was addressed to the Imperial Council, and not to the Imperial Potentate; and 3d: That if the Imperial Potentate thought it worthy of con-

sideration it was made his duty under Section 2 of said Article 13 to notify El Kaleh Temple, in order that they might act on said official notice, and report the result of action thereon, whether favorable or unfavorable.

To this ruling exceptions were taken, and on March 28th, 1894, Noble A. C. Emerson and 47 other Nobles, residents of Ogden, filed with the Imperial Potentate an appeal from the decision of Potentate McDowell, asking for a ruling thereon. After a careful perusal of all the statements submitted by the Nobles of Ogden, as well as those of Potentate McDowell, I ruled as follows, furnishing copies of such ruling to both parties, viz.: That the 2d and 3d reasons given by Potentate McDowell for ruling the motion out of order have no application to the question whatever, and cannot be construed as constituting a reason why he should refuse to put the motion and rule it out of order. They have application wholly to the action of the Imperial Potentate and the Imperial Council, and questions over which subordinate Temples have no right to exercise authority. Whether the petition was properly or improperly addressed, was a question with which the subordinate Temple had nothing to do.

The first ground taken by Potentate McDowell for ruling the motion out of order, viz.: "That it must lay over one month, that all members may have due notice of it," cannot be upheld by any constitutional provision of the Imperial Council, and I do not think any authority can be cited which will sustain this position. Upon the facts as submitted, it can be safely assumed that if the session of the Temple on March 14th was a regular session, due notice of said meeting was given to all its members. It is therefore, upon conceded facts, very clear that the Potentate of El Kaleh Temple was in error when he refused to put the motion in question, and ruled it out of order. Therefore, I ruled that the appeal was well taken and must be sustained.

Accompanying this appeal was a petition in due and correct form asking for a dispensation to form and open a Temple of the Order at Ogden, Utah, signed by 48 Nobles residents of that city, and adjacent places, to be called El Cid Temple, and recommending Noble A. C. Emerson to be first Potentate thereof. To this petition was attached a draft for the proper fee for dispensation, and five dollars additional for one copy of the Ritual. On April 17th I replied to the petitioners, stating that under the existing circumstances, and also in view of the fact of the close proximity of Ogden to Salt Lake City (only 35 miles), I concluded not to grant a dispensation, but would refer the whole matter to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters for their consideration and the action of the Imperial Council at the Denver session.

Under date of May 28th the Recorder of El Kaleh Temple mailed to me a certified copy of the proceedings of that Temple held on May 9th; the original motion ruled out of order at the session held March 14th was taken up and rejected by a vote of 40 nays and 3 ayes.

The whole correspondence relative to this subject should be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, for such recommendation as it may see proper to submit for the action of this Council.

VISITATIONS OF TEMPLES.

During the past fall and winter, being actively engaged in a spirited canvass for appointment to an important Federal office at Pittsburgh, I found that I could not accept all of the many courteous invitations extended to me to make personal inspection of Temples and their work. I therefore availed myself of the privilege afforded by Section 1 of Article 12 of our Constitution and Laws, and appointed deputies to represent the Imperial Potentate for that purpose. Their reports are respectfully submitted, and made part of this address, and are as follows, viz.:

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., Oct. 7, 1893.

THOMAS J. HUDSON, ESQ.

Imperial Potentate, A. A. O. N. M. S.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR:

In compliance with your action designating me as your representative to go to Marquette, Mich., and inspect Ahmed Temple on the 28th inst., I have the honor to report that I visited that Oasis, arriving there on the evening of the 27th, accompanied by Noble Charles E. Fink, Recorder of Saladin Temple, and Noble John A. Wolcott. We were met by several Nobles of the new Temple, about 25 miles out, and on arriving at the station were met by a large delegation and escorted to the Marquette House, which was designated as headquarters.

I was received with all the honors due to the representative of the Imperial Potentate, and most hospitably entertained during the stay.

On the afternoon of the 28th inst. a large number of their officers and members assembled at Masonic Hall, where their new paraphernalia was duly inspected; and it is a pleasure to me to be able to report to you that the robes and all the appurtenances pertaining to the Order, for the purpose of conferring the degrees, are of the very finest. They have complied with all the requirements, according to the constitution of the Imperial Council, and their books are designed with a special reference to a thorough system.

At seven o'clock in the evening, for the first time, Ahmed Temple was opened in regular form and their officers duly installed. Before we were fairly through with the installation, however, a very unfortunate circumstance occurred. The announcement was made that the building was on fire in the basement. However, the announcement was made by Noble Le Roy Midlam in such a cool and assuring manner that all the robes and paraphernalia of the Temple were duly taken care of and removed from the building, as were all the other paraphernalia of the Commandery and Scottish Rite; and while everything looked very threatening for a short time, we were more than gratified that the flames were checked and we were able to return, and although rather late in the evening, the work was most creditably exemplified upon a class of 43 candidates, and considering that their officers are not all residents of Marquette, but are scattered through the Upper Peninsula, they are certainly deserving of much credit for the manner in which the work was done for the first time.

Few Temples of the Mystic Shrine are situated so fortunately as Ahmed,

they being joint tenants with the Commandery and other various Masonic bodies in that city. The accommodations are ample and rooms well adapted for this work.

At the close of the ceremonies of conferring the Order, the Nobility repaired to the Marquette House, where a most elaborate banquet awaited them, and during the time the viands were being disposed of an orchestra in the adjoining room discoursed selections especially adapted to the occasion.

After the menu had been followed through, Illustrious Potentate John Q. Adams, in his general happy style, extended a welcome that could not fail to inspire everyone with the feeling that the body was of the true Nobility, and I take pleasure in sending you this day a copy of the *Mining Journal* and also the menu and toast list, and have the honor to be,

Yours in the Faith,

GEO. W. BUSS,
Special Deputy.

COL. THOMAS J. HUDSON,

Imperial Potentate, A. A. O. N. M. S.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

CHICAGO, Oct. 19, 1893.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR :

In compliance with your instructions appointing me a special deputy representing the Imperial Potentate, I visited the city of Peoria, Ill., and made an inspection of Mohammed Temple, on the occasion of their first meeting for initiation, which occurred on October 17, 1893.

Illustrious Noble L. W. Campbell, the Director of Medinah Temple and member of the Imperial Council, accompanied me on this pilgrimage. On arriving at the city of Peoria, we were received by Illustrious Potentate S. O. Spring and the officers and members of Mohammed Temple with all the honor and dignity due a representative of your imperial office.

Mohammed Temple has only been organized a short time and has never exemplified the Ritual before. The meeting commenced at three o'clock, p. m., and my first action was to install the Potentate and other officers, which I did with as much grace and impressiveness as I was capable of.

The Temple then proceeded with the initiation of 37 sons of the desert, all of whom were duly qualified to receive the degrees conferred upon them.

I found Mohammed Temple thoroughly equipped with new and beautiful costumes for every officer, also with an Arab Escort thoroughly organized and costumed, with a musical corps who understood what was required of them and who performed their part of the ceremony in a most satisfactory manner. I found that they were provided with all the properties and paraphernalia needed to perform the initiation.

Of the work itself I can but praise it most highly. Had I not known that this was the first meeting of Mohammed Temple and that the officers were all

novices, I should have believed that they had been working the Order for years. I did not see a Ritual while in Peoria, as the entire corps were all dead-letter perfect in their respective parts, and had locked up the Rituals to be used again only when some new officers should require them. Illustrious Potentate Spring and his officers cannot, in my opinion, be too highly congratulated or praised.

After the exemplification of the Ritual a most enjoyable traditional banquet, under the supervision of the Illustrious Marshal of Mohammed Temple (Noble Moore), proprietor of the National Hotel, was enjoyed, about 100 Nobles of the Shrine participating. The supper was elaborate and the service most excellent. The festivities continued until low 12. A number of prominent Nobles from distant Oases were present and contributed largely to the feast of reason and flow of soul.

During our stay in Peoria, which lasted until the following day, everything that could possibly tend to our comfort and enjoyment was showered upon us by these most hospitable members of our Order.

Thanking you for the honor conferred upon me in choosing me to represent you on this memorable occasion, and trusting my report may be satisfactory to yourself, I remain, Illustrious Sir,

Yours in the Faith,

WILLIAM A. STILES,
Special Deputy.

BOSTON, MASS., October 28th, 1893.

T. J. HUDSON, Esq.,

Imperial Potentate, A. A. O. N. M. S.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR :

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your order detailing me as special deputy to be present at Montpelier, Vermont, on the 23d of October, 1893, to inspect the work of Mount Sinai Temple.

On my arrival at Montpelier I was taken in charge by Ill. Potentate Collins Blakely, and Ill. Recorder Charles H. Heaton, and a delegation of Nobles, and was escorted to the Pavillion Hotel and to my quarters, which were nicely arranged for my reception, and unbounded hospitality reigned supreme in and about the several departments of the hotel.

At nine o'clock was escorted to Masonic Temple; waited in an ante-room until ten minutes after ten o'clock. I was then waited upon by a committee and escorted to the Temple. After the usual introduction I found the Temple was not opened in form. The Chief Rabban was in the Senior Warden's chair, and the Assistant Rabban in the Junior Warden's chair. The Bible lay closed on the altar, with two swords lying on top. The Koran and Blackstone of Mecca were not in their proper position. They had fifteen novices to travel the hot sands. After the usual ceremony they were brought before the High Prophet, who did his work strictly according to the Ritual.

It would be well for me to say here that it was absolutely necessary for this Temple to be visited officially, as some of the work was certainly out of form, which your deputy rectified as it occurred, and it was certainly taken in very good part both by the Potentate and his assistants. Your deputy was officially thanked for his suggestions and corrections for their future guidance in the work.

They certainly possess as good material to make them successful as any Temple in this country. The thing that I think is lacking at present is to get sufficient snap to bring the Nobles together. They, of course, are under a disadvantage considering the small hall they are occupying to exemplify the working; but I think from the visit and the stirring up they got from your deputy that in the future you will find the membership of Mount Sinai increasing more rapidly than it has heretofore, and it is fair to assume that from the limited territory they have to draw from they will yet be a success and a credit to the Imperial Council.

The above, Dear Sir, I hope will meet with your approval, and I remain (calling your attention to the enclosed expense list),

Yours in the Faith,

FRANK LOCKE,

Special Deputy.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, Dec. 13th, 1893.

ILLUSTRIOUS THOMAS J. HUDSON,

Imperial Potentate.

In pursuance of your order of November 7th, 1893, appointing me your representative to officially visit and inspect Rameses Temple, situate at Toronto, Ontario, I have the honor to submit the following report of my visit of Nov. 29th.

No one who visits the Dominion of Canada on public or private business can fail to be impressed with the idea that hospitality and welcome greeting are both grandly characteristic of the people of our neighbor land on the north; and none can more thoroughly admire or commend these happy faculties than the wandering Arabian—the Noble of the Mystic Shrine.

When once it becomes known that an official visitation has been decreed, it seems as though the entire membership of the Oasis is permeated with a desire to do honor to the *Commissionaire*, and in common parlance, make it pleasant for him.

At the border he is met by the videttes of the Temple, and under their watchful care and guidance he is escorted to the nearest caravanserai, presented with the cup of welcome, and his journey toward the center of civilization of the Dominion made a veritable progress, in that deliberate and careful manner which is characteristic of subjects of Her Britannic Majesty.

In passing, it may be remarked that while the representatives of the nations of the earth in the Dominion may not be as varied and numerous as they seem to be on this side of the border line, yet they have evidently conquered the inclination to withdraw themselves into clans and sects, and appear to have an univer-

sal desire to *blend* together on occasion. The oftener the occasion, the more frequent this harmonious blending, which is more pleasing to the blenders, and which makes the visitors more impressed with the idea that it is this judicious blending of the nations that "makes the whole world kin."

The reception of your representative at the Temple, during the observance, was all that could have been desired. The genial welcome accorded by that prince of Arabians, Potentate Harry A. Collins, the musical selections rendered by the sweet singers of Rameses, gave further evidence of that hospitality which is characteristic of our Order; and your appointed Inspector, in such words as were allowed him, briefly acknowledged the honor conferred, and was seated under the droppings of the Sanctuary.

The ritualistic portion of the observance was ably rendered by Nobles Glanville, Lockwood and Simpson, respectively as Rabbans and High Priest, under the direction of Potentate Collins; and the floor work and introduction of the candidates was brilliantly performed by the Oriental Guide, Bell Smith, assisted by the Ceremonial Masters, Montgomery and King, with an efficient corps of experts.

The musical accessories under the baton of Noble J. L. Nichols added greatly to the impressiveness of the ceremony, and the class of twenty-four novices was thoroughly edified and instructed during the rendition of the esoteric portion of the Ritual.

The gentlemen composing the class were gathered from every portion of the Dominion; Ottawa, Montreal, London, Hamilton, Brantford, Guelph, Collingwood and Woodstock being represented; embracing among their number members of the American Consular service, journalists, physicians, merchants, ship owners, etc., some of whom had honorably discharged the duties of official rank in the Masonic fraternity as Masters, Wardens, Secretaries, Preceptors, both in the York and Ancient Accepted Rite.

Time counts for nothing among the Arabians at the Oasis of Rameses—no hurry—no confusion—but all matters connected with the ceremony are conducted with that deliberation and precision, which are in such brilliant contrast with the rapidity of execution which too often prevails in other localities under the domain of the Imperial Council.

The building in which the Temple holds its sessions is eminently fitted for the purposes of the Order, more especially the location of the chamber set apart for social purposes.

The journey to the banquet room after the close of the ceremony could not fail to remind one of the night journey of Mohammed to the seventh heaven, and when the objective point was reached,

"the night-star's torch
Was not yet faded when the journey ended."

The company of Arabians was ushered into a chamber gorgeous with a display of bunting unequalled;

"Walls of flame
Lambent with loveliness and mystery,
Ramparts of utmost heaven, having no breach."

Prominently displayed were the standards of Great Britain and the United States intertwined collectively, emblematical of the race and language which dominates the commercial world. Interspersed among smaller banners of the same significance were signal flags of greater or less import, mostly having reference to the climatic and meteorologic conditions (I presume) of the Dominion—and from my own observation during this visit, I should say they were needed.

The caterer was a master of his profession, and the officers, members, novices and guests seated themselves at the festive board, where every reasonable wish was anticipated and gratified.

When the cloth was removed Potentate Collins—as apt at presiding at the banquet table as he is in the direction of the work—arose, addressed a few words of congratulation and welcome, and announced the first regular toast, “The Queen”—which was received with “three times three,” and the usual anthem. Then followed telegrams read from Albert Edward, the Governor General, the Imperial Potentate, and others, which were received with that hearty acclaim which is only found in a British or Canadian audience.

Oratory and song then had place—addresses were made on behalf of the Order, the candidates and Rameses Temple—the Rev. A. W. Richardson, E. T. Malone, Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar; E. E. Shepard, Grand Commander K. T., and William Monaghan, American Consul, being the principal speakers, and their remarks secured for them the earnest attention of those present.

The festivities were prolonged in the manner set forth in the notice issued for the session, and the guests retired from the merry-making with the unanimous statement that

“Great is Rameses, and Collins is his Prophet.”

Your representative, with his escort, found their way from the Victoria building to the caravanserai about the hour that

“the sun in russet mantle clad
Climbs o’er the dew of yon high eastern hill,”

but on this occasion, if the sun had been seen at all, Phœbus would have prudently arrayed himself in top-boots, mackintosh and umbrella.

What remained of the hours devoted to Morpheus was a dreamy retrospect of that banquet hall and its surroundings, until memory ceased, and ended

“in one *red* burial *blent*.”

Faithfully yours,

SAM. BRIGGS,

Representative.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, December 14th, 1893.

THOS. J. HUDSON, Esq.,

Imperial Potentate, A. A. O. N. M. S.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

IMPERIAL SIR:

Acting under instructions contained in yours of 24th November, I visited Ararat Temple, in the Oasis of Kansas City, on December 8th, the occasion being their Annual Session. I was accompanied by several members of El Kahir Temple. Your representative and escort were received with the usual honors extended to stranded Nobles in an Oasis far from their own.

Ararat has a thoroughly arranged Temple for the exemplification of the work. They have as complete an outfit of paraphernalia as I have ever seen in any Temple that I have had the pleasure of visiting. Ararat is well officered, and they all know how to do the work, and they do it. Work was commenced in the Temple at eight o'clock, and sixteen anxious candidates were safely conducted across the hot sands and duly instructed in all the mysteries of our Order, increasing the membership to about 630.

An election of officers took place, resulting in a re-election of the entire list. Delegates to the Imperial Council were elected, and the familiar faces of Ill. Potentate Wiles and Past Potentate Allen will be seen at our 20th Annual Session in Denver.

As a "wind up," two hundred, at an early hour (in the morning), sat down to enjoy a sumptuous banquet at the "Midland," which was most elegantly prepared and served, and will long be remembered by your representative.

Thanking you for the honor conferred upon me, and earnestly hoping my official visit may be of benefit to the members of Ararat Temple, I am,

Yours in the Faith,

C. W. EATON.

Special Deputy.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., December 15, 1893.

THOS. J. HUDSON, Esq.,

Imperial Potentate, A. A. O. N. M. S.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR:

I have the honor to report the performance of the very pleasant duty assigned to me in your letter of November 20th.

In accordance with instructions contained therein, I visited Watertown, N. Y., on the 11th inst., as your representative, and inspected Media Temple, located at that place, being accompanied by Noble J. A. Wilson, High Priest of Pyramid Temple.

I was met at the depot by a committee of the officers of the Temple, and escorted to the hotel, where, in my rooms, I found a floral pyramid nearly three feet in height, suggestive of the name of the Temple of which I am a member.

My visit to the Temple was a genuine surprise. Watertown has a population of only 20,000, yet I found nearly two hundred Nobles assembled, the sincerity of whose desires to express their pleasure at the visit of a representative of the Imperial Potentate, and accord the honors due such officer, was unmistakably manifested in the fraternal grip given by each, and which made my right hand a total wreck.

Media Temple is not only completely but elaborately equipped with all the paraphernalia requisite for the proper rendition of the ceremonies of the Order, which were exemplified on a class of nine candidates on this occasion in a manner I have never seen excelled; every officer being thoroughly conversant with his duties, and the Ritual, in its entirety, impressively and perfectly rendered.

The records, books and accounts are in competent hands, and systematically and correctly kept.

After the ceremonies came a very enjoyable banquet at the Woodruff House, the eloquent menu of which gave ample evidence of the lavish hospitality of Media's Nobles. Music by a large orchestra and songs by a "jubilee" quartet contributed to the "general joy," and happy speeches from those well qualified entertained the gathering until the "usual hour."

In closing my report, I desire to say, that from the time of my arrival in Watertown until I was permitted to depart therefrom, the Nobles of that Oasis vied with each other in acts of courtesy, kindness and hospitality to your representative, and I am firmly convinced that the name *Watertown* is a misnomer, their only apparent use for water being to furnish wind for the organ during the Shrine ceremonies.

Yours in the Faith,

THAD. R. BEECHER,
Special Deputy.

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 23, 1893.

Illustrious Imperial Potentate,

THOMAS J. HUDSON,

Pittsburgh, Pa.

NOBLE SIR:

In accordance with your instructions, accompanied by the Imperial Recorder, Noble Frank M. Luce, on the 12th inst. I proceeded to St. Paul for the purpose of inspecting Osman Temple, situate in the Oasis of St. Paul, Minn. The morning—the 13th inst.—we reached St. Paul, the mercury marked 25° below zero, but the temperature of Osman Temple was fully up to summer heat, and the hearts of its Nobles marked fever heat toward your Inspector, his companion, Noble Luce, and the many visiting Nobles present that night of the inspection. Having been duly received with the honors due a representative of the Imperial Potentate, your Inspector was seated with the Divan, the better to witness the passage of sixteen sons of Mohammed over the hot sands. There were present officers and Nobles of Zuhrah Temple, situate in the Oasis of Minneapolis; Nobles

of Murat, Indianapolis; Saladin, Grand Rapids, and other Temples. The costumes and working paraphernalia were in excellent taste, and the work well done by the officers and members of the Temple, under the direction of the Potentate, Noble Clarence E. Stone.

The attendance was about 300, and the average for the year 250. An inspection of the books and accounts shows the same to have been kept in a clean and business-like manner.

On the conclusion of the journey over the desert the Nobles mounted and rode to the place of refreshment, where they were bountifully supplied with an abundance of nutritious refreshment. Speeches, recitations and music, all in excellent taste, caused the hours to pass unnoticed until it was "to-morrow morning," and the words "good-bye" were spoken.

I can not close this brief report of an excellent occasion without a word as to the excellent apartments occupied by Osman Temple. The fact is, they are the best I have yet seen; roomy, well galleried, and above all, the best ventilated I ever sat in.

Thanking you for the pleasure of this delightful inspection, I am,

Yours in the Faith,

JOHN C. SMITH,
Special Deputy.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29, 1893.

To the Illustrious Imperial Potentate,

THOMAS J. HUDSON,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR:

On November 27th, last past, I was the recipient of a communication from your headquarters deputizing me the representative of the Imperial Potentate for the specific purpose of visiting Palestine Temple, of Providence, R. I., for an inspection of their work and paraphernalia, and to report the result of the same to you.

Agreeably to requirement of said appointment, I beg leave to submit the following report:

On December 19th, the date of the Annual Session of Palestine Temple, I arrived at Providence, R. I., at 6 p. m., accompanied by Illustrious Nobles George W. Millar, James McGee and Saram R. Ellison, of Mecca Temple, as escort. We were met at the depot by the Potentate of Palestine Temple, Illustrious Noble Albert L. Anthony, who conducted us to a hostelry, where we were greeted by a gathering of the officers of the Temple, with whom we partook of a sumptuous repast, after which we repaired to the Temple to witness the exemplification of the work.

Palestine Temple holds its sessions in a commodious music hall, admirably adapted to the requirements of Shrine work. We were there courteously received and introduced to the officers and membership. After the usual routine of busi-

ness had been transacted, the reports of the Treasurer and Recorder were received, and certainly manifest a very prosperous condition of the body.

This Temple has a membership of 525, and the balance of finances in their treasury \$3,566.26.

The election of officers being next in order, was formally proceeded with, which resulted in the election of Illustrious Noble George L. Shipley as Potentate, by a unanimous vote; and the selection of Illustrious Noble Shipley for the position of presiding officer was certainly a most commendable and meritorious one, he having ably filled the position of High Priest and Prophet for several years past.

The election of officers having been fulfilled, the installation of the same was creditably performed by Past Potentate Noble George H. Burnham, assisted by Past Potentate Noble Horace K. Blanchard, in the capacity of Grand Marshal. These ceremonies were rendered in full form, and very impressively.

After the ceremonies of installation, ten novices were introduced, and the ceremonies of the Order were exemplified in a beautiful and impressive manner and conferred upon them in full form, which terminated with the traditional banquet.

The robes, costumes and general paraphernalia of this Temple are complete in every particular, in good order, and appropriate in all respects for the proper, interesting and impressive rendition of the work in each respective section of the ceremonies, which were elaborately presented in full form by their able and well versed corps of officers. The High Priest in particular is deserving of special praise for the masterly manner in which his work was rendered; the Potentate, Rabbans, Oriental Guide, Director and assistants were perfect, impressive, and, in short, all that could be desired, in their respective roles, and eminently deserving of special commendation.

The visit to this Temple was altogether a most pleasant and interesting event. The courteous hospitality and generous reception tendered myself as your representative, and the Illustrious Nobles who accompanied me, was an expression of kindness characteristic of the true Nobility of the Shrine, and combined with the fulfillment of an appointed duty, a most pleasurable occasion, long to be remembered with the liveliest emotions of fraternal appreciation.

I am, Illustrious and Imperial Sir,

Sincerely yours in the Faith,

JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
Director Mecca Temple, N. Y. City,
Representative to the Imperial Council.

CHICAGO, ILL., January 15, 1894.

THOMAS J. HUDSON,

Illustrious Imperial Potentate,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

NOBLE SIR:

On the 10th inst., and in accordance with your orders, I proceeded to Milwaukee, Wis., for the purpose of inspecting Tripoli Temple, and I was escorted by the following distinguished Nobles of Medinah Temple, of Chicago: W. M. Knight, Potentate; Charles T. Drake, Chief Rabban; R. M. Johnson, Assistant Rabban; C. R. Matson, High Priest; Thomas H. Currier, Oriental Guide; Len W. Campbell, Director; Amos Pettibone, and John White.

Noble Eugene S. Elliott, Potentate of Tripoli Temple, together with a large escort, met us on our arrival at Milwaukee and gave us safe convoy to our hotel, the Pfister, where we lodged during our stay in the Cream City. In the afternoon we were conducted about the city, visiting its public buildings and institutions.

In the early evening we were conducted to the Temple in which Tripoli holds its gatherings, and were received with the honors accorded your Special Deputy, and due a representative of the Imperial Potentate. The work commenced at 8 p. m., sharp, and continued until 11 p. m., during which time sixteen strangers were conducted across the desert and over the hot sands to the inner courts of Tripoli Temple. The work was a credit to our noble Order, and could not be improved. It was the more to be noticed from the fact that the Chief Rabban, Noble Luther L. Canfy, was suddenly called away by reason of the serious illness of his dear wife, and his place had to be filled by an understudy. I have seen no better work in any Temple, and was the more pleased to note the courtesy, unanimity and oneness of feeling which prevailed among the Nobles. The various apartments and inner courts of Tripoli Temple are complete and well adapted to the work of our Ancient Order.

An inspection of the books of the Recorder showed them to be well kept, clean, and all accounts posted.

The membership is 450, with an average attendance of 150 Nobles. Elegant club rooms belong to the Temple, which were fitted up at a cost of no less than \$12,000, all paid for, and a balance in treasury of \$1,200. The wardrobe is complete, and no indebtedness to embarrass the Nobles. At midnight the Nobles, all in fez and jewels, 200 in number, clad in evening dress, assembled around the banquet tables at the Pfister House, from which they did not retire until 3 a. m. The speeches were as good as the viands, and all were the happier for the meeting.

Yours in the Faith,

JOHN C. SMITH,
Special Deputy.

NEW YORK, N. Y., January 22, 1894.

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS THOMAS J. HUDSON,

Potentate of the Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. of the Mystic Shrine.

NOBLE AND DEAR SIR:

In due compliance with instructions received from you, the undersigned, on the 6th day of September, 1893, proceeded to Reading, Penna., attended by the Ills. Potentate, Augustus W. Peters, and eighteen other members of Mecca Temple, of New York, and duly installed the officers of Rajah Temple of the Shrine, to whom a Warrant had been granted by the Imperial Body at its last annual session.

In making this report of the fulfillment of the mission assigned to me, I desire to add, that too much praise can scarcely be given to the Nobles of Rajah Temple—not only for the manifold courtesies extended by them to your delegate and those who accompanied him, but for the evident loyalty and fealty exhibited for the Imperial Body, and also through us, the honor and esteem shown for you personally whenever and wherever opportunity offered.

Expressions at the after-banquet were warm and sincere toward the purposes of our noble Institution; and their avowed sentiments were outspoken as to the energy and ability with which they intended to render the Temple work.

It is my pleasure to further add, that the Nobles of Rajah Temple have purchased a church building, which has been altered, prepared, adapted and handsomely decorated—having scenic effects with esthetic taste, and which forms an elegant and commodious Arabic home.

The officers of the Temple gave an exhibition of their ability to confer the Ritual on a class, which justly called forth our praise, and which certainly far excelled in dignity and ability the work of many other Temples which we had the honor to witness.

The royalty with which we were entertained was so pleasant that it precluded the making out of any bill of expense attending our duties in going and returning.

Yours respectfully,

GEO. W. MILLAR,

Deputy.

TORONTO, CANADA, 15th Feby., 1894.

THOS. J. HUDSON, Esq.,

Imperial Potentate, A. A. O. N. M. S.,

Pittsburgh.

IMPERIAL AND DEAR SIR:

In selecting the presiding officer of Rameses Temple as your representative to visit the important Oasis of New York City and inspect therein a Temple which has always been regarded as one of the brightest jewels in the diadem of the Mystic Shrine, I am fain to acknowledge that an honor has been conferred upon the Nobles of the Dominion of Canada, than whom none are more loyal to the Imperial Council and its illustrious chief, and, although of necessity numeri-

cally weak, none more ardent in their desire to uphold and maintain the dignity and interests of the governing body and its accepted ruler. On their behalf I received with gratitude the august command of the Imperial Potentate, and with dutiful obedience carried out its behests. I at once put myself in communication with the Illustrious Potentate of Mecca Temple, August W. Peters, and that courteous Noble, with equal alacrity, arranged a date and perfected arrangements for the reception of your representative. The details of the journey across the arid interval between the Oasis of Toronto and New York were uneventful; suffice it to say that I was met, even at the gates of the great city, with a truly Arab greeting, and on the evening of 30th January some 700 nobles assembled to receive the envoy from afar, who, clothed with the authority of the Imperial Potentate and armed with the firman under his illustrious seal and sign manual, was accorded a welcome that did honor to the ancient and noble Mecca.

The reception was altogether most impressive, not only from the strength and appearance of the gathering, but also from the appointments of the magnificent hall in which it took place. Possessed of everything necessary to render the ceremonies of the Order with all the beauty and pomp the Ritual demands, it is little wonder that Mecca Temple enjoys such an exalted position.

I had the happiness of witnessing the induction of a dozen of aspiring neophytes, which was performed in a manner eminently consistent with all the decorum and gravity which so prominently characterizes the Mystic Shrine. The Illustrious Potentate and his officers proved themselves ably conversant with the Ritual, and so thoroughly familiar with their positions and the requirements of each, as to greatly enhance the beauty of the work generally.

The Recorder is able to present a set of books that are models of neatness and accuracy, and in every respect the Temple is so admirably equipped as to leave nothing to be desired on the part of an inspecting officer. Mecca numbers at present 2,500 members, the largest Temple, I believe, on the continent, and is altogether an organization worthy of emulation. My sojourn with Illustrious Potentate Peters and his genial hospitable Nobles will long be remembered by your representative, and I have much pleasure in stating that the Temple possesses every qualification for success, and may justly be regarded as one of the best within your jurisdiction.

Yours in the Faith,

HARRY A. COLLINS,
Deputy.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Feby. 19, 1894.

THOS. J. HUDSON, ESQ.,
Imperial Potentate,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

IMPERIAL AND NOBLE SIR:

By direction contained in yours of November 15, 1893, I visited Kismet Temple, located at Brooklyn, N. Y., on Monday evening, January 29, 1894.

I found the Temple very prosperous, well equipped, and a loyal body to the Imperial Council of North America in every particular.

The Order of the Mystic Shrine was conferred by a very efficient corps of officers upon twelve novices in a very able manner, and with that impressive dignity becoming the Nobility.

The greatest good feeling was expressed by the Illustrious Potentate of Kismet for the Imperial Potentate of the Imperial Council.

Hospitality was unbounded, and Kismet Temple must be classed in the rank, "One of the highest of the Nobility."

Faithfully,

JOS. S. WRIGHT,
Imperial Treasurer.

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, Feby. 20, 1894.

MR. THOMAS J. HUDSON,
Imperial Grand Potentate,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE:

On January 27, 1894, I was present at a meeting of Naja Temple, Deadwood, S. D., which meeting was called for the purpose of installing the officers and conferring the degree of our Temple on eleven novices. In the absence of Noble Winsor, who was expected to be on hand to install, and by the request of Illustrious Noble Potentate elect, W. J. McMackin, I installed the several officers and enthroned the Grand Potentate, after which the eleven novices were duly and regularly made Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. I desire to say that this work, as done by the newly elected officers of Naja Temple on this occasion, was most excellent and deserving of the highest compliment.

After the work, all adjourned to a most elegant and elaborate banquet, at which were present the ladies, whose presence proved a most delightful factor in rounding out the pleasures of the afternoon and evening.

Respectfully yours in the Faith,

J. H. MAURITIUS,
Deputy.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 24th, 1894.

THOMAS J. HUDSON, ESQ.,
P. O. Box 790,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

DEAR SIR AND IMPERIAL POTENTATE:

Pursuant to your commands, I beg to say that on Jan. 30th, 1894, I visited Al Koran Temple, of Cleveland, Ohio, as Deputy, representing the Imperial Potentate, and witnessed the best exemplification of the Ritual that it has ever been my fortune to see, and so far as possible (follow-

ing instructions), inspected the individual members of the Temple. There were nearly six hundred Arabs in Cleveland upon that occasion, and there were but three in the Embassy representing the Imperial Potentate—Illustrious Noble R. O. Hawkins, Assistant Rabban of Murat Temple; Illustrious Robert C. Bell, of Fort Wayne, and the writer, and while I do not think we missed anything during our two days sojourn in the Cleveland Oasis, I do feel that the Embassy ought to have been much larger. The strain was very great upon Nobles Hawkins, Bell and myself, and it is an unequal proposition to divide three innocents like we were, among five or six hundred such as they were, and expect to have very much left. Al Koran is a good Temple to inspect, but the inspectors should be possessed of great capacity and physical endurance. As stated, the Ritual was exemplified in full form, and with dramatic force and effect, such as I have never seen, except upon the stage. The ritualistic work was greatly augmented by the music, which, so far as my experience goes, easily holds first place in Shrine work. The costumes, properties and scenic effects were all fine, and in keeping with our rules and regulations governing the same. It would, I think, be of great benefit and interest to the Order, if arrangements could be made at our annual meetings of the Imperial Council to have a rendition of the work in full form by such a working force as they have at Al Koran. Illustrious Sam Briggs is the moving spirit, and he is re-enforced by a large following, who are but little behind him in the point of faithfulness and enthusiasm. The personnel of Al Koran is of the very highest order, and to be admitted to their presence as a representative of the Imperial Potentate is one of the greatest honors that can be bestowed upon,

Yours in the Faith,

J. T. BRUSH,
Deputy.

DETROIT, MICH., March 1st, 1894.

THOS. J. HUDSON,

Imperial Potentate.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE:

In accordance with your order of Nov. 15th, 1893, appointing me your deputy to visit Grand Rapids and inspect Saladin Temple, I have the honor to report:

That on Friday, Feb. 23d, 1894, I performed that duty as your representative. I was accorded a truly Arabic greeting and hearty welcome from Potentate Winsor and the members of his Temple.

The Order was conferred on sixty three (63) novices in full form, reflecting great credit upon Saladin Temple and the Order. I desire to make special mention of the manner in which the Potentate conducts his work; he has few superiors, and I am pleased to do him the honor of reporting that he refused to confer the degree on a candidate who presented himself for initiation the worse of

liquor, although he was not in the habit of getting in such a condition, thereby upholding the honor and dignity of the Order. The robes and paraphernalia of the Temple are up to the standard.

Thanking you for the honor and pleasure conferred in imposing on me this pleasant duty, I remain,

Yours in the Faith,

W. M. BAILEY,
Deputy.

MEMPHIS, TENN., May 28th, 1894.

Illustrious Imperial Potentate,

THOS. J. HUDSON,

Pittsburgh, Pa.

MY DEAR NOBLE:

Acting under the authority delegated to me as your Deputy, I visited Hamasa Temple, at Meridian, Miss., on May 24th, 1894.

They were chartered on June 24th, 1893, and organized on July 26th, 1893, with twenty-two members, and since then have held nine stated and three special sessions, and the membership has reached fifty-eight, which includes the class of thirteen added on the 24th, during my visit. Their energy is wonderful, for they have not exceeding 300 elegibles in their jurisdiction, although the territory is very large, and as yet they are but ten months old.

They are equipped to confer the degree in a most satisfactory manner, and have complied with all the requirements of our constitution. Their officers are painstaking and very efficient in the work. Noble Harrison is the right man in the right place, and his efforts are ably seconded by a splendid corps of officers, among which is that prince of good fellows, Dr. J. M. Buchanen, who sleeping or waking is always on the alert in the best interest of the Order, and he never lets up when he can do anything to better his Temple or our Order.

The personnel of this Temple is very high, far above the average, and in this respect is not excelled by any Temple of our most exclusive Order. It includes the best and most prominent men in the State. In the class put through on the 24th was the Hon'l J. M. Stone, the Governor of the State of Mississippi; also J. L. Power, the Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and Recorder of the Grand Commandery for twenty-five years past.

In conclusion, I would say that the Temple is worthy of the charter they hold, as they are fulfilling the purposes of the Order in its strictest sense.

Thanking you for the distinguished consideration you have shown me in making me your Deputy, I am, with great respect,

Yours in the Faith,

T. J. GRAHAM,
Deputy.

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 23, 1894.

THOS. J. HUDSON, Esq.,
Imperial Potentate,
 Pittsburgh, Pa.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR:

By your authority, I made an official visitation to Cyprus Temple of Albany, N. Y., under date of May 31st. I was tendered the honors due the representative of the Imperial Potentate. I am pleased to inform you that Cyprus Temple is well equipped for the full exemplification and rendition of the Ritual. The Order was conferred upon a large class, and I find that the Potentate, Thos. J. Bishop, is well qualified for the important position. The records of the Temple are a model of neatness, and are under the supervision of Noble Wm. C. Fitch, Recorder.

A banquet was served after the work. New friendships were formed, and I might say, as your representative, that the entertainment was royal, and the hospitality extended was unbounded, for which the Fraters of Albany are well known.

I cheerfully recommend to you, that Cyprus Temple is in a flourishing condition.

Yours in the Faith,

C. W. CUSHMAN,
Deputy.

VISITATIONS MADE BY IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

On October 19th, 1893, I went to Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of visiting Al Koran Temple, and to present to Past Imperial Potentate, Sam Briggs, the jewel authorized to be purchased by the Imperial Council, during the 19th Annual Session held at Cincinnati, Ohio.

On February 28th, 1894, visited and inspected Boumi Temple, at Baltimore, Md.

On March 17th, 1894, visited Columbus, Ohio, and witnessed the initial ceremonial work of Aladdin Temple (under dispensation), of that city.

On April 9th, 1894, visited Washington, D. C., and inspected Almas Temple. Justice to the Temples thus visited fairly demands more than this mere mention of my visitations, but this paper I find will be drawn out to such proportion I shall be obliged to forbear. Suffice it to say, that these visits have been satisfactorily repaid by an absolute, personal knowledge of the excellent condition and growth of those Temples. In every instance a very high order of talent has been displayed by the official Divans in the rendition of the Ritual, which was found to be elaborate, accurate, intelligent and impressive. The social features were well guarded; and the exercises evinced a concerted effort on the part of the officers in elaborating and varying the entertainment, thereby increasing the interest in the observance and contributing to that desirable end, an intimate and fraternal intercourse among its members. The courtesies extended to the Imperial Potentate were sincere and most thoroughly characteristic of Arabian hospitality.

BY-LAWS.

I have received the By-Laws of Mohammed Temple, of Peoria, Illinois, and also amendments to the existing By-Laws of Al Koran Temple, of Cleveland, O., and Kaaba Temple, of Burlington, Iowa, which should be submitted to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws. In this connection I respectfully suggest, that each Temple in the jurisdiction be required to submit to the Imperial Potentate during the ensuing year, or prior to our next session, a copy of its By-Laws for revision by said committee, for the purpose of securing uniformity throughout the subordinate Temples.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

The usual number of special dispensations have been granted, generally for occasions of work at points within the jurisdiction of Temples other than the home location, to receive and ballot upon petitions, but in each case Potentates were required to give advance notice to their members that such action would be had by virtue of dispensation. Dispensations have been granted in several instances for Temples to hold special meetings subsequent to their annual sessions for the purpose of electing representatives to fill vacancies created by resignation or otherwise of those previously elected.

GRIEVANCE.

During the past six months jurisdictional rights have been violated as follows, viz.:

EL RIAD TEMPLE, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA.

Under date of April 21, 1894, Noble C. H. Winsor, a Past Potentate of said Temple and Imperial Outer Guard, wrote as follows:

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., April 21, 1894.

THOS. J. HUDSON,

Imperial Potentate,

Pittsburgh, Pa.

MY DEAR SIR:

On last evening, April 20, El Riad Temple of this city held a meeting and initiated some 20 candidates. Among them were two Sir Knights, J. T. Jacobson and M. Bergh, who live in La Crosse, Wisconsin, Mr. Jacobson being a traveling man residing there, and Mr. Bergh being a lawyer of the firm of Blake-man, Reed & Bergh, of that city. On discovering these facts, and before these candidates were initiated, I filed with the Recorder of El Riad Temple a letter, of which the enclosed is a carbon copy, and requested them to investigate the matter. The Potentate and Recorder came to me, and I stated to them in the presence of another Noble who was a delegate last year to Cincinnati from this Temple, viz.: Noble W. H. Stoddard, that one of these parties at least had informed Noble Stoddard and myself the night before that he resided in La Crosse, Wisconsin, and that the other Sir Knight also resided there, and told them that it was their duty to at once investigate the matter, and, if I am correct, that

these Nobles should not be permitted to come into this jurisdiction and take the degrees without Tripoli Temple had given them a proper waiver. The Recorder told the Potentate to pay no attention to it at all, that the petitions of these men said that one lived at Sioux Falls and the other at Rock Rapids, Iowa, and they refused to either investigate it or inform the Temple of the matter. As an officer of the Imperial Council, and knowing the trouble that has been had in these matters, I feel it my duty to at once inform you of this fact. You have been kind enough on occasions to select me as special deputy Imperial Potentate, and I do not feel that such a matter as this should be lightly passed over. I call your attention to Article 14, Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Constitution, and also to the standing resolution in reference to jurisdiction, adopted at Omaha in 1892, and ask that action be taken upon this matter at once. I trust that what I have done has been in the proper line of my duty. That what I have stated are the simple facts I am ready at any time to prove, not only by my own statement, but by that of Noble Stoddard and the record of El Riad Temple, where this letter is filed and on which no action was taken.

I have also to-day enclosed a copy of this letter to Potentate Elliott of Tripoli Temple, and perhaps you will communicate with him.

Yours in the Faith,

(Signed) CURTIS H. WINSOR.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., April 20, 1894.

To the Illustrious Potentate and Officers and Members of El Riad Temple:

I have been informed that Sir Knight J. T. Jacobson and Sir Knight M. Bergh have been elected to El Riad Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and while I desire to say nothing against these Sir Knights, for I am assured by those who know them and also from a slight personal acquaintance that I have with them that they are both estimable gentlemen, still I am also informed that they are both residents of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and are therefore not within the jurisdiction of El Riad Temple, and I simply desire to call the attention of the officers to this fact.

Yours in the Faith,

(Signed) C. H. WINSOR.

Under date of April 23, I wrote Potentate Doolittle, asking from him a statement as to the reported violation of jurisdiction, and received the following replies from himself and Recorder Glidden, viz.:

SIoux FALLS, S. D., April 28, 1894.

MR. THOMAS J. HUDSON,

Imperial Potentate,

Pittsburgh, Pa.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE:

Your communication of the 23d inst. received in due time, and I am very much surprised that a member of El Riad Temple should make such charges. The petitions for membership in our Temple come to us through the

hands of our Recorder, to whom I have presented your communication for a reply. He has performed his duty, and I enclose same herewith, which is a clear history of the case.

Hoping to meet you in Denver at the July session, and trusting that we can show you that nothing has been done detrimental to our noble Order, I am

Yours in the Faith,

(Signed) W. T. DOOLITTLE,
Potentate.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., April 27, 1894.

HON. THOMAS J. HUDSON,
Imperial Potentate, A. A. O. N. M. S.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE:

Potentate W. T. Doolittle last evening handed me an official communication from you regarding the conferring of orders upon J. T. Jacobson and Martin Bergh by El Riad Temple, and notifying him that our Past Potentate had informed you that the gentlemen above mentioned reside without our jurisdiction, and that the work is therefore illegal. Now, I wish to state that if there be anything irregular I am alone to blame.

Sir Knights Jacobson and Bergh are gentlemen whom I have frequently met in our city, who have been present at the meetings of Cyrene Commandery, No. 2, K. T., stationed here, and have been recognized as Knights Templar by every Shriner.

They applied to me for petitions to become members of El Riad Temple, which I furnished, and both were returned to me properly signed, showing that each resided within our jurisdiction. Under these representations I received the petitions, presented them to the Potentate, and at our regular session on the 18th inst., they with others were duly elected.

Nothing more was heard or thought of the matter until the evening of the meeting on the 20th inst.

The class was all prepared for introduction to the Temple, when Mr. C. H. Winsor (Past Potentate) handed me a written protest (notwithstanding he had been present all the evening) against conferring the Orders on the gentlemen named. I at once advised the Potentate, who ordered me, with a committee, to repair to the outer room and endeavor to ascertain whether or not we were being imposed upon. Both gentlemen assured the committee and myself that they signed their petitions in good faith, and that no one could question their statements, as they were *bona fide* residents within our jurisdiction, and Mr. Winsor producing no further evidence than his own statement, the gentlemen were allowed to proceed, and Mr. Past Potentate entered heartily into the work, giving Mr. Bergh a most eloquent lecture just before he took his journey down the Mountain.

There are more than fifty traveling men who make this city their head-

quarters and home who are known to us in a general way, and as a rule are royal fellows, people that we all want in the Shrine. I believe the gentlemen are made of the stuff required to constitute a Shriner, and that their "motives were honorable" in seeking admission.

El Riad Temple has a membership of 407, and I believe I can assure you that fully 400 of the Nobles will concur in every statement made herein. The facts are, that Past Potentate Winsor, after having served four years and being defeated for re-election, has been very sore ever since. He had absolutely refused to turn over the Ritual, and our Temple was compelled, as you already know, to obtain one through yourself and Illustrious Recorder Frank M. Luce.

It is also true that for nearly three months I was unable to obtain the records of our Temple from the former Recorder, and we were obliged to wait upon the outgoing officers, through a committee, and demand them.

Noble Winsor and two or three disgruntled members have been trying to injure the Shrine by saying that El Riad was "dead," that the new officers *could not obtain a Ritual, could not do the work, &c., &c.*

The Past Potentate seemed to be extremely disgusted on the evening of the 20th inst. when he discovered that we had the most successful and elegant working session in the history of our Temple. Our representatives will all be present at the session in Denver, and I am convinced that everything will be made clear to you and the Imperial Council. We earnestly ask that you suspend judgment on our case until all is fully explained.

Yours in the Faith,

DANIEL S. GLIDDEN,
Recorder.

Under date of April 23d, 1894, Potentate Elliott of Tripoli Temple, of Milwaukee, Wis., submitted the following correspondence, viz.:

MILWAUKEE, April 23d, 1894.

THOMAS J. HUDSON,
Imperial Potentate,

P. O. Box 790, Pittsburgh, Pa.

MY DEAR SIR:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter dated March 17th, 1894, directed to me, by Daniel S. Glidden, the Recorder of El Riad Temple, Sioux Falls, S. D., together with my answer to the same. I have this day received from Hon. C. H. Winsor, of Sioux Falls, copy of a letter addressed by him to you under date of April 21st, and a copy of a notice to the Potentate and officers of El Riad relative to the action of El Riad Temple in initiating two Sir Knights, resident in Wisconsin. I infer that the two gentlemen named are the same persons referred to in the letter of Mr. Glidden to me of March 17th.

Upon this showing, I desire to herewith prefer formal charges against El Riad Temple for breach of constitutional law in trespassing upon our jurisdiction. It seems to me that the trespass in this case is so clearly wilful, and made

with such full knowledge of all the facts, that summary action on your part, as Imperial Potentate, would be fully warranted.

It is needless to say that I regret exceedingly being obliged to prefer this claim, but I see no other way of enforcing a discontinuance of encroachments upon our jurisdiction, which have of late been increasing in number and have occasioned us no little annoyance. I remain,

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) EUGENE S. ELLIOTT,
Potentate Tripoli Temple.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., March 17th, 1894.

EUGENE S. ELLIOTT, Esq.,
Potentate Tripoli Temple,
Milwaukee, Wis.

DEAR NOBLE:

There are three or four Templars whose homes are in your State, but being traveling men, make this place a sort of headquarters, and as we are to have a session for "work" early in April, are desirous of being created in our Temple. If you will kindly waive jurisdiction, we will appreciate the courtesy, and, if requested, gladly remit the fees.

Yours in the Faith,

(Signed) DANIEL S. GLIDDEN,
Recorder.

By order of "El Riad."

MILWAUKEE.

DANIEL S. GLIDDEN, Esq.,
Sioux Falls, S. D.

MY DEAR SIR:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 17th, which has laid unanswered on my table for several days, owing to pressure of business.

I have no authority to make such a waiver as you request, and Tripoli Temple will not meet for business until next month. I will say, however, that the members of Tripoli Temple are not disposed to grant requests to work upon candidates residing in this jurisdiction, who are not both Templars and thirty-two degree Masons. We require our members to belong to both bodies.

I will, however, lay your communication before the Temple at our next meeting, unless you advise me that it will be unnecessary to do so. I am

Yours very truly,

(Signed) EUGENE S. ELLIOTT.

On May 11th I wrote Recorder Glidden, requesting him to forward to me the original petitions of Jacobson and Berg, which was complied with. The said

petitions are now attached to the correspondence and in my possession, and subject to the will of this Council, and read as follows :

(COPY.)

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar in good standing in La Crosse Commandery, No. 9, or a member of Consistory, No. situated at La Crosse, State of Wisconsin.

I respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and become a member of your Temple. If I be found worthy and my request be granted, I promise to conform to all the ceremonies, engagements, statutes, regulations and edicts of your Temple, and the Imperial Grand Council of the United States.

Witness my hand, this 18th day of April, 1894.

(Signature) MARTIN BERGH.

Age, 31.

Occupation, Lawyer and Collector.

Residence, Sioux Falls, S. D.

Fees enclosed, \$25.00.

Recommended and vouched for on the honor of :

Noble Daniel S. Glidden,

Noble Frank Kunerth.

(COPY.)

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I respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and become a member of your Temple. If I be found worthy and my request be granted, I promise to conform to all the ceremonies, engagements, statutes, regulations and edicts of your Temple, and the Imperial Grand Council of the United States.

Witness my hand, this 18th day of April, 1894.

(Signature) J. T. JACOBSON.

Age, 31 years.

Occupation, Traveler.

Residence, Rock Rapids, Iowa.

Fees enclosed, \$25.00.

Recommended and vouched for on the honor of :

Noble Daniel S. Glidden,

Noble Frank Kunerth.

I wrote Potentate Eaton, of El Kahir Temple, asking if Rock Rapids, Iowa, was within the jurisdiction of his Temple, and if so, whether he had been asked to waive jurisdiction on said Jacobson, to which I received the following reply :

(COPY.)

EL KAHIR TEMPLE,
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, June 11, 1894.

THOMAS J. HUDSON, Esq.,
Imperial Potentate,

Pittsburgh, Penna.,

IMPERIAL SIR :

I have yours of the 9th.

I know nothing about J. T. Jacobson, and if El Riad has conferred the Order of the Temple upon him, they have done so without any consent from me or El Kahir Temple. Rock Rapids is within our jurisdiction, and I have good reasons to believe El Riad has violated the law in more than one instance.

Yours in the Faith,

(Signed) C. W. EATON,
Potentate El Kahir Temple.

Upon the facts as presented, and believing that Section 2 of Article 14 of the Constitution and Law had been violated on the part of El Riad Temple, I issued an order of June 5th, 1894, pursuant to instructions contained in the standing resolution adopted at Omaha, 1892 (see page 17), suspending the charter of said Temple pending the action of the Imperial Council at this Session.

MOSLEM TEMPLE, DETROIT, MICH.

The following correspondence touching this case is respectfully submitted,
viz.:

(COPY.)

PITTSBURGH, PA., May 26, 1894.

FRED'K FAYRAM, Esq.

Potentate Moslem Temple,

care of *Detroit Free Press*, Detroit, Mich.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE:

John P. McCord, M. D., a practicing physician in this city, with an office at No. 158 Third Avenue, and residing at 221 Carson Street, visited the session of Syria Temple on the 23d inst., together with Noble E. R. Harris and others from Detroit, who were in attendance here upon the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, and was introduced as a member of your Temple, wearing the fez of the same.

To say that I was surprised would be putting it quite mildly. We all know Dr. McCord as Past Master of Lodge 219, and also Past High Priest of Shiloh Chapter of this city, but not as a Knight Templar or a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, and I cannot understand how he should become a member of Moslem Temple, as he certainly was not eligible to become a member of the Temple in his own city.

I will thank you to send me his original petition to your Temple, or a certified copy of the same, at the earliest possible date.

Yours in the Faith,

(Signed) THOS. J. HUDSON,
Potentate Syria Temple.

(COPY.)

DETROIT, MICH., June 9, 1894.

THOS. J. HUDSON, Esq.

Potentate Syria Temple,

Pittsburgh, Pa.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE:

Your recent favor relating to the standing in the Shrine of Noble John P. McCord, M. D., was duly received. I at once instructed our Recorder to investigate and report to you at once, which I understand has been done. It seems that Noble McCord was received into Michigan Sovereign Consistory at its last convocation, his application being made as resident of Detroit, and recommended by two well-known Consistory Masons. Following the convocation we held a meeting of Moslem Temple, and Dr. McCord was one of the candidates. His petition was entirely regular.

I trust the explanations made will be entirely satisfactory to yourself and the Nobles of Syria Temple.

Yours in the Faith,

(Signed) F. FAYRAM,
Potentate Moslem Temple.

(COPY.)

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar, or Thirty-second Degree Mason, in good standing in.....No....., or Michigan Sovereign Consistory, situated at Detroit, Michigan, and respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and become a member in your Temple.

Witness my hand, this 23d day of April, 1894.

(Signature) JOHN P. McCORD.

Age,.....

Occupation, Physician.

Address, No. 42 Forest Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

Recommended and vouched for on the honor of

Illustrious Noble E. R. Harris,

Illustrious Noble J. H. Hoffner.

Fees enclosed, \$25.00.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the application of Dr. John P. McCord to Moslem Temple, Detroit, May 29th, 1894.

(Signed) W. M. BAILEY,
Recorder.

(COPY.)

PITTSBURGH, PA., June 12, 1894.

FRED. FAYRAM, ESQ.

Potentate Moslem Temple,

674 Trumbull Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE:

I have your favor of the 9th inst. in reply to my recent letters to you relative to the action of your Temple in conferring the Order upon John P. McCord, M. D., a resident of this city.

I received a communication from your Recorder, Doctor Bailey, giving the circumstances attending the reception into your Temple of the said McCord. Notwithstanding the fact that Dr. McCord was received into the Michigan Sovereign Consistory at its last convocation, the fact still stands, however, that he was not eligible for membership in said Consistory, he being at that time a resident and practicing physician in this city, well known to all the fraternity here, Past Master of his Lodge, and Past High Priest of his Chapter, fully conversant with all the laws governing these bodies, and it is evident that he imposed not only upon the members of the Michigan Sovereign Consistory, but upon the Nobles of Moslem Temple, in gaining admission to both bodies.

I understand the situation thoroughly, and I regret very much that the brethren who recommended Doctor McCord to the Consistory (and I am told that the same brethren recommended him for initiation in your Temple) should have been duped by this man. We cannot recognize him, under the circumstances, as a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in this Oasis, and I would advise you to take some steps in your Temple to discipline your members who may have signed the petition. I certainly shall feel obliged to report the case in my Annual Address to the Imperial Council in Denver, and will make such recommendations as in my opinion should be offered.

I understand that Nobles E. H. Harris and J. H. Hoffner were his vouchers in both bodies, and they certainly must have known that he was not a *bona fide* resident of the jurisdiction of the Michigan Sovereign Consistory, nor of Moslem Temple. The jurisdiction of Syria Temple has been invaded too frequently within the last three years, and our people are getting very much annoyed thereat.

I fully understand your position in this matter—you received him as an eligible, which no doubt he was, ostensibly, but not in fact. I regret very much the condition of affairs, but cannot see any other way for me to act than as above indicated.

Yours in the Faith,

(Signed) THOS. J. HUDSON,

Potentate Syria Temple.

I am informed that the Deputy for the State of Michigan has taken steps towards investigating the act of the Michigan Sovereign Consistory, but with what result I am unadvised at this meeting. I respectfully refer the matter to the Council for such action as it may deem just and proper.

KISMET TEMPLE, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

A second time have the officers of Kismet Temple been duped into violating the jurisdiction of Syria Temple. The first being that of Eugene Ingold, and under similar circumstances to that explained in the following correspondence:

(COPY.)

PITTSBURGH, PENNA., May 10, 1894.

WAYLAND TRASK, Esq.,

Potentate Kismet Temple,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE:

William P. Bennett, Esq., a member of his Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, in Pittsburgh, and doing business in this city as a book-binder and printer, at 89 Fourth Avenue, and whose residence is at No. 209 Sandusky Street, Allegheny City, Penna., informs me that at a meeting of your Temple, held on or about April 30, 1894, he was created a Noble of the Mystic Shrine therein.

Brother Bennett's name has been rejected for initiation in Syria Temple every time it has been presented, and it has been tried at least on five or six different occasions.

I will thank you to give me an immediate reply as to your reasons for accepting him into your Temple without first asking Syria Temple for a waiver of jurisdiction.

Yours in the Faith,

(Signed) THOS. J. HUDSON,

Potentate Syria Temple.

(COPY.)

BROOKLYN, N. Y., May 12, 1894.

THOMAS J. HUDSON, Esq.,

Potentate Syria Temple,

Pittsburgh, Penna.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE:

I am in due receipt of your courteous favor of 10th inst., and in reply to your inquiry, would say that William P. Bennett was duly elected and initiated in Kismet Temple, April 30, without first asking Syria Temple for a waiver of jurisdiction, because Bro. Bennett stated his residence as New York City, his business as manufacturer, his place of business as 23d Street and Broadway, New York City, and further, that he had never previously applied for admission to the Order, and had never been rejected by any other Temple. These statements are made over his signature, and are vouched for by two Nobles, members of Kismet Temple.

If the statements contained in your favor are correct, his statements are false. Kismet Temple has not knowingly invaded the jurisdiction of Syria Temple, and if in this instance it should transpire that we have unwittingly done so, we are ready to correct the injustice.

Our Temple will convene on Thursday, May 31, and as I like to settle all differences promptly, I will thank you to announce the wishes of your Temple prior to that date, and Kismet Temple will take immediate action.

Courteously yours,

(Signed) WAYLAND TRASK,
Potentate Kismet Temple.

(COPY.)

BROOKLYN, N. Y., May 17, 1894.

ILLUSTRIOUS THOMAS HUDSON,
Potentate Syria Temple,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE:

In response to your request by wire, received to-day, I hand you here-with a copy of the petition upon which Wm. P. Bennett was admitted to Kismet Temple.

Courteously yours,

(Signed) WAYLAND TRASK,
Potentate.

PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP, KISMET TEMPLE,

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

To the Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Members of Kismet Temple, situated in Brooklyn, N. Y.

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar (or Thirty-second degree Mason), in good standing in Allegheny Commandery, No. 35, situated at Allegheny, State of Penna., and respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and become a member of your Temple. I furthermore represent that I have never previously applied for said Order, nor have I been rejected by any other Temple. If I be found worthy, and my request granted, I promise to conform to all the ceremonies, engagements, constitution, regulations, and edicts of the Imperial Council, together with those of your Temple.

(Signature) WM. P. BENNETT.

Where born, Pittsburgh, Penna.

Date of birth, 18th day of July, 1851.

Profession or occupation, Manufacturer.

Residence, Bartholdi Hotel, N. Y. City.

Business address, 23d Street and Broadway, N. Y. City.

Recommended and vouched for on the honor of

Noble Edward E. Blohm,

Noble Juan B. Arci.

Fee, \$....., enclosed.

(COPY.)

PITTSBURGH, PA., May 18, 1894.

WAYLAND TRASK, ESQ.

Potentate Kismet Temple,

18 Wall Street, New York City, N. Y.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE:

I acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 12th instant, in reply to mine of the 10th, asking for particulars as to your Temple receiving and conferring the Order upon William P. Bennett, a resident of this city.

I enclose herewith copy of a written statement filed with me by Brother Bennett, and refer it to you for your careful consideration. I do not know whether Mr. Bennett's statements are true in every essential, but the fact that he is not only a resident of this city, engaged exclusively in business in this city, belonging to his Lodge, Chapter and Commandery in this city, or, rather, Allegheny—just across the river—and his statements to the members of your Temple who signed his petition, if true, would seem to warrant me in taking active measures against your Temple for violating the constitutional law relative to jurisdiction.

It is a fact, as stated in my former letter, that Brother Bennett had been rejected on several occasions by Syria Temple. According to our custom, he nor any other person who is proposed to be taken into the Temple is supposed to know that his name is being considered until after the ballot is had, when, if favorable, they receive due notice from our Recorder, and then if they desire to accept they can prepare and present a regular petition, properly vouched.

This is a parallel case, precisely, with that of Eugene Ingold, of this city, who was taken into your Temple nearly three years ago.

I would be pleased to have you interview Nobles Edward E. Blohm and Juan B. Arci, the signers of Brother Bennett's petition, and show them the statement made by Bennett, copy of which is herewith enclosed.

I would be glad to hear from you as early as possible.

Yours in the Faith,

(Signed) THOMAS J. HUDSON,

Potentate Syria Temple.

WM. P. BENNETT,

(COPY.)

Manufacturer,

89 Fourth Avenue.

PITTSBURGH, May 14, 1894.

THOS. J. HUDSON, ESQ.

Grand Potentate A. A. O. N. M. S.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

DEAR SIR:

I have been led to believe that there has been some talk regarding my membership in the above Order, and in pursuance with conversation had with you a few days ago, I make the following statement, as I do not wish to cause any trouble to Kismet Temple, nor reflections on myself, by anyone thinking or

saying that I had to go away from this city to receive degrees in any body that I could not receive at home. Being in New York on business, and visiting DeWitt Clinton Commandery, as I have done on every occasion possible when the meeting was held while I was in New York, or Brooklyn, I was approached by some of the members as to the Shrine, and there being one special friend of mine there who lives in Brooklyn, that they were anxious to have join their ranks, and two others who would join with him if I would, I stated to the Nobles that I would gladly enroll myself among their number if acceptable, and no trouble would occur, as my place of business was in Pittsburgh, but that not keeping house, my address was wherever I hung up my hat, and at the present time was at the Bartholdi Hotel, N. Y. I also raised the question of jurisdiction, and was led to understand that there was no jurisdiction, and acted accordingly.

I do not want to be the cause of any trouble between Kismet Temple and the Grand Bodies, nor do I want any of my friends or enemies here to think that I had to leave this place to receive any degrees that I could not receive here.

Yours courteously,

(Signed) WM. P. BENNETT.

P. S.—I was not aware that my name had ever been offered in this city, until my return from New York.

(COPY.)

BROOKLYN, N. Y. May 19, 1894.

THOMAS J. HUDSON, Esq.

Potentate Syria Temple,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE:

I am in due receipt of your favor of the 18th inst., and note its contents, also its enclosed letter signed by Wm. P. Bennett. I have summoned Nobles Blohm and Arci, to explain their connection with this case, and will communicate with you promptly after I have heard their story.

I think it is hardly necessary for me to tell you that Kismet Temple would not wilfully violate any of the laws of the Imperial Council.

Courteously yours,

(Signed) WAYLAND TRASK,

Potentate Kismet Temple.

(COPY.)

BROOKLYN, N. Y., May 23, 1894.

THOMAS J. HUDSON, Esq.,

Potentate Syria Temple,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE:

I have had an interview with Nobles Blohm and Arci with reference to the Bennett matter. Noble Blohm seems to be the one who was mainly responsible for the proposal of his name to Kismet Temple, and while he admits

a discussion of the question of jurisdiction, he says that he did not know that the matter of jurisdiction was of such vital importance, and further that he thought Bennett could as well claim a residence here as in Pittsburgh, and that he (Bennett) had a right to designate where his residence was. I enclose a letter from Blohm received to-day.

Noble Arci tells me that he endorsed the application because he knew Bennett, and knew him to be a gentleman and a Knight Templar, whose character would qualify him for admission to any organization, and from the recommendation given by several who had known him intimately for many years. He said that the matter of jurisdiction was not referred to in his presence.

Both of these Nobles, Blohm and Arci, stand well here, and I have never had occasion to question the standing, character or residence of any candidate they have heretofore presented to our Temple, but from what has developed I think they have made a mistake in this instance.

I cannot tell you how sincerely I regret that this thing has occurred, and assure you that our Temple will do all in its power to satisfy you in the matter.

Courteously yours,

(Signed) WAYLAND TRASK,

Potentate Kismet.

(COPY.)

BROOKLYN, N. Y., May 22, 1894.

WAYLAND TRASK, Esq.,

18 Wall Street,

New York City.

ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE:

Referring to our conversation on the Bennett matter, I would say the question of jurisdiction was raised and some discussion of the matter occurred, but I thought I was justified in presenting his name as a resident of our jurisdiction, because I knew that his family were living at Atlantic City and had been for some time, long enough, I supposed, to fix his residence. The Bartholdi Hotel, New York City, was entered upon his petition as a matter of convenience to him, as much of his time was spent there and he received his mail there, he saying that communications addressed there would reach him as readily as anywhere else. Feeling sure that there was no intention to evade the jurisdiction of anybody, I am

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) EDWARD E. BLOHM.

(COPY.)

PITTSBURGH, PA., June 7, 1894.

CHARLES CAREY, Esq.,
423 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE:

I enclose herewith correspondence relative to the violation of territorial jurisdiction on the part of Kismet Temple, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Before deciding what action I shall take in this case I desire to have a personal investigation made at Brooklyn as to the part taken in inducing W. P. Bennett to become a member of Kismet Temple by Edward E. Blohm and Juan B. Arci. You will observe by reading the letter of W. P. Bennett that he raised the question, that it might be a violation of jurisdiction should he become a member of Kismet Temple, but that they assured him there was no jurisdiction existing. This seems to be the basis upon which I must act, and I would be glad to have you go to Brooklyn at your earliest convenience and interview the gentlemen named above, and give me the result of any and all information you may be able to gather relative to the action of Kismet Temple as a body, or any of its individual members, in inducing Bennett to become a member of that Temple.

This is the second time that Kismet Temple has violated the jurisdiction of Syria Temple, and in identically the same manner. The first case was that of Eugene S. Ingold, about three years since.

Please give me as full a report as you may be able to obtain in the investigation, and return it with the enclosed correspondence, together with the bill for expenses incurred.

Yours in the Faith,

THOMAS J. HUDSON,
Imperial Potentate.

(Noble Carey being unable to leave his business at that time to go to Brooklyn to make this investigation, the authority was transferred to Noble Edward B. Jordan, a member and representative of Lu Lu Temple, of Philadelphia, having his place of business in Brooklyn, N. Y., to perform the duty, and his report is given herewith.)

(COPY.)

NEW YORK, June 25, 1894.

THOMAS J. HUDSON,
Imperial Potentate,

Imperial Council A. A. O. N. M. S.

Agreeable to your request of June 7th and 9th, that I proceed to Brooklyn and report to you such information as I might be able to gather, after an interview with the Nobles interested, relative to the action of Kismet Temple as a body, or its individual members, in inducing W. P. Bennett to become a member

of that body—I respectfully submit, that having met by appointment Illustrious Noble Wayland Trask, Potentate of Kismet Temple, and Nobles Edward E. Blohm and Juan P. Arci, that I find, after a careful investigation and consideration of all the facts pertaining to the subject, viz. :

First. That Kismet Temple, its officers and members, did not knowingly or intentionally violate the laws and statutes of the Imperial Council in accepting the application of W. P. Bennett, they having accepted the assurances of Noble Blohm in good faith. In my judgment, the Temple as a body is not responsible for the deception practised upon them, which they deeply regret, and assure me they are most anxious to right the wrong as the Imperial Potentate may be pleased to direct.

Second. I find that Noble Juan P. Arci took no part in inducing W. P. Bennett to become a member of Kismet Temple, and only accommodated his friend, Noble Edward E. Blohm, to the extent of seconding the application he had prepared.

Third. I find that Noble Edward E. Blohm had, with others, met on April 30th, W. P. Bennett, and requested him to become a member of Kismet Temple. Noble Blohm is positive in the assertion that a residence in the State of Pennsylvania was not under discussion as a question of jurisdiction, that he did not know W. P. Bennett lived in Pennsylvania, and that as he (Noble Blohm) had only been a Noble of the Mystic Shrine for barely a year he was unacquainted with the laws and statutes of the Imperial Council, and further admits that being in ignorance of the law as to the jurisdiction of Kismet Temple, he filled out the application of W. P. Bennett with a New York City address, with which city he knew Kismet Temple had concurrent jurisdiction, without first consulting the Illustrious Potentate, Recorder, or any officer of Kismet Temple as to the jurisdiction of Kismet Temple over the State of New Jersey, in which State Noble Blohm admits he believed W. P. Bennett to have a residence; admitting that Kismet Temple's jurisdiction extended into the State of New Jersey. I am forced to find that the motive that prompted the filling out of the application with a New York City address was the same as if any other State than that of New Jersey had been under discussion, and that Noble Edward E. Blohm deliberately and wilfully inserted the New York City address, for the purpose of deceiving the officers and members of Kismet Temple.

Respectfully submitted.

Yours in the Faith,

EDWARD B. JORDAN.

This subject I respectfully refer to this Council for any action it may deem wise to take.

DECISIONS.

I have been called upon to render but one important decision during the year, on a point which was not fully covered by our statutes, at least to my view. It was called forth by questions submitted by two subordinate Temples, and is as follows:—

First—"If a Temple, at any regular meeting held subsequent to the annual session of the Imperial Council in June, 1891, and prior to the annual session of said Council in August, 1892, elected representatives for a term of more than one year, was such action legal?"

To this I have ruled that such action was illegal.

Second—"Is it compulsory upon a Temple to elect its Representatives to the Imperial Council annually?"

To this I have ruled that all subordinate Temples must elect its officers as well as representatives to the Imperial Council annually.

GENERAL.

The Imperial Council at its session held at Cincinnati, June, 1893, elected to hold the 20th Annual Session in the city of Denver, Colorado, on July 17th and 18th, 1894. Subsequently the fact was brought to my attention that the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons would hold their triennial convocation at Topeka, Kansas, on July 18th. Several of our representatives who were delegates to that body requested that a change of dates be made for the session of the Imperial Council, as they desired to attend both. On February 24th, 1894, I issued a circular to the officers and representatives of this Council, calling upon them to express their views either for or against changing the date of our session from the date already fixed, to July 10th and 11th, or July 24th and 25th. To this circular replies were received from seventy-six who were in favor of July 24th and 25th; twenty who had no choice; ten in favor of July 10th and 11th, and nine in favor of the original dates. Accordingly I gave notice that the 20th Annual Session would be held on July 24th and 25th, and I trust that my action will meet with the approval of this Body.

Bonds were issued on behalf of the Imperial Recorder in the sum of \$10,000, and of the Imperial Treasurer in the sum of \$20,000 in favor of the Imperial Potentate, as per statutory requirement. The bond of the Recorder was issued by the Fidelity and Casualty Company, of New York, and the bond of the Treasurer by the Citizens' Trust and Surety Company, of Philadelphia, Penna., each bearing date and in effect from June 15th, 1893. I have caused both to be renewed for one year, dating from June 15th, 1894.

At a recent sale of ancient books in the city of New York, Noble James McGee, of Mecca Temple, discovered among other books offered for sale, a copy of our original Ritual. He very properly secured it at a cost of \$5.00, for which amount I authorized a warrant in his favor. The copy is now in possession of the Imperial Council.

During the past winter I was made aware of the fact that two of the three copies of the Ritual charged to Moolah Temple, of St. Louis, Mo., and one copy charged to El Riad Temple, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, were missing, and up to the present I have not been advised of their recovery, although the officers of both Temples were by me instructed to make every possible effort towards their restoration. I attribute the cause of the loss of these Rituals to culpable neglect alone, which should merit the attention of this Council.

Doubtless many, if not all of you, are aware of the fact that there exists in the States of Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Texas and possibly other western States, organizations composed of our colored fellow citizens, who have pirated our title almost verbatim, and for this and various other reasons, after conference with a number of the officers of the Council, it was deemed advisable to have our body incorporated, not only that we might hold our present style and title exclusively, but that should it become necessary to own property, we would be able to hold the same as a body with a legal status. This has been recommended by my predecessors, and has been frequently discussed at previous sessions of the Council, but no action taken. I therefore assumed the responsibility, and authorized Noble John W. Boyle, of Utica, N. Y., to prepare articles of incorporation, and have the same enacted by special act of the Legislature of the State of New York. This has been accomplished by Noble Boyle, and now our charter and incorporation is Chapter 193, Laws of New York, approved by Governor Flower, March 30th, 1894. This satisfactory result was attained at a comparatively small cost. Noble Boyle has been requested to submit to you the act of incorporation, and to prepare the necessary By-Laws, which I hope will be adopted by you; and that my action in this matter will merit your approbation and approval.

During the administration of Noble William H. Mayo as acting Imperial Recorder, he found it necessary to have prepared by a firm in St. Louis, lithographic stones from which to print diplomas. Believing that the Imperial Council having paid for the preparation of these stones, the Imperial Recorder should be in possession or have control of them, request was made to the printing firm to forward them to Noble Luce at Chicago. This they declined to do, stating that they were their property; but upon payment to them of the sum of \$100 they would forward as requested. The stones are yet in possession of the St. Louis concern, and I suggest that this Council take some action towards their disposal.

On numerous occasions I have had my attention called to business circulars, advertisements and manufactured articles with emblems of our Order imprinted or marked thereon. The use of our insignia in this manner, is, to say the least, in extremely bad taste, and should be discountenanced by every member of the Order. It does not advance the welfare of the Institution, and should not enhance the interests of the author. Such action should warrant the severest reproof.

Believing it to be the best interests of the organization, and that more uniformity should be observed as to the Arabic terms and dates used in notices of meetings of subordinate Temples, I authorized Noble A. L. Rawson, of Woodcliff, N. J., (an emeritus member of this Council, and a thorough Arabic scholar)

to prepare a book of Direction or Instruction for the guidance of Potentates and Recorders in preparing their notices. The book has been printed, and each subordinate Temple furnished with two copies. I believe it has met with general favor by those who have received and are using it, and I hope the Imperial Council will approve of the comparatively small expense incurred in preparing it.

I desire to express my views concerning what should be the relation between this Imperial Council and the subordinate Temples.

It must be allowed that this Institution partakes in no way of the character of the Masonic organization. We have no relation or correspondence with that Institution, and could not reasonably ask any recognition at their hands.

We simply require that all members of our Order shall possess certain Masonic attainments.

To seek to govern an Institution of this character by the set rules and laws of an Order not possessing any of the characteristics of the Mystic Shrine, such laws being observed because of traditional antiquity and venerated because of their being handed down from an early period—I say, to seek to govern this Order by such arbitrary rules is entirely contrary to reason, and certainly not to be desired. It seems that many of our members are not able to draw the line between the Order of the Shrine and the Masonic Institution. Occasionally we hear some venerable Arabian rise up in his Temple, and proclaim this or that method of proceeding as not in accordance with "Masonic law," and such remark is certainly very strange, if not ridiculous.

When we look over an album containing a collection of notices of the meetings of the various Temples, and note the general hilarity and occasional "indignity" of the authors—we see how absolutely impossible it has become to repress the bubbling up, if not the Niagara of humor which seems to have possessed the majority of the Temples throughout our jurisdiction—all the edicts, mandates and ukases of the Imperial Council to the contrary.

You can no more, at this day, stay the tendency to issue spicy notices than you could "dam up the waters of the Nile with bulrushes."

There was a time when it might have been done, but all laws and proclamations have been gradually set at naught by their authors, until now the profane world has nearly as much knowledge of "why we are assembled" as we have ourselves.

These matters show how simply ridiculous it would be to plead Masonic precedent in this Institution, or endeavor to establish the arbitrary laws of that venerable foundation for the government of this Order.

We are growing into the danger of attempting too much in the way of law-making, and are liable to be too much governed.

Every recurring session of this Imperial body brings additions and amendments to the Constitution, which are urged as absolutely necessary to the existence of the Order as a whole, when really it is only a local disease on one of the limbs, which is to be cured by the application of a legal plaster covering the entire body.

The Imperial Constitution as it is, seems plain and sufficient enough for the well-being of all.

Each Temple should be sovereign in its own jurisdiction. Each aggregation of Temples in the several States should be able to agree among themselves as to a proper division of the same into jurisdictions, a proper course of polity to pursue one with another.

Each Temple should be protected in its method of adding to its membership under the law as it now exists, for no course of action in this instance in one Temple could work any damage to the interests or harmony of another Temple.

The province of this Imperial body would then be simply to sit as a court of appeal to adjust *differences* which occur between the Temples, or individual members, and which could not be atoned by the Imperial Potentate *ad interim*; and to judiciously administer the law as it now exists, and provide for the care and investment of the revenues of the Imperial Body.

During my term of office much of my time has been devoted to the correspondence incidental thereto, and which has been of such extent as to require the assistance of an amanuensis. Over 900 letters have been received and answered. Copies of letters written by me have been preserved, and many unimportant queries have been replied to, of which no record has been kept. All letters received and the impression copies of letters written, I have with me, and are placed at the disposal of the various committees, should they find occasion to consult the same for reference.

Of the sum of \$1,000 placed at the disposal of the Imperial Potentate to cover the expenses incident to the Imperial Office, I have expended \$900 for postage, expressage, telegrams, stationery, printing, office supplies, traveling expenses, stenographer, typewriter, charity and incidental expenses.

I desire to commend the very prompt and efficient performance of duty on the part of the Imperial Recorder and Imperial Treasurer during the past year.

There have passed through the Imperial Office since June, 1893, 4,790 diplomas, requiring official signature.

FINANCES.

No comment is necessary from me in reference to this subject, as the condition of the Treasury will be found by reference to the reports of the Imperial Treasurer and Imperial Recorder to be submitted to this Council. The reason for the small showing of receipts is well known to you all; yet we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the prosperity and satisfactory condition of the Order under the extremely depressed and unsatisfactory conditions of general business.

What in the beginning promised to be brief, has lengthened out this paper beyond my honest intent, and I trust you will forgive and forget the fault. The number and importance of the matters here considered do not admit of greater brevity.

And now, Illustrious Associates, I beg to assure you that I am profoundly thankful for the many official honors received at the hands of this Council during the past eight years, and I am proud in the consciousness that these honors have

come unsought. I have endeavored to discharge faithfully the duties of the high office with which you honored me one year ago. Perhaps I have committed errors of judgment at times, but if so, it is only evidence of my humanity. Whoever may be your choice for Imperial Potentate for the ensuing year, I sincerely hope he may receive at the hands of the official Divan of the Imperial Council, and from the officers of the subordinate Temples, the same courteous and fraternal treatment it has been my good fortune to receive.

I ask your careful and deliberate consideration of the legislation to be committed to your charge, to the end that this Institution, the Order of the Shrine, the grandest of its kind, may be perpetuated for all time, and as the years roll by we may grow not only in greatness but in all that characterizes the true Nobility of the Order.

Yours in the Faith,

Thos. J. Hudson

Imperial Potentate.

PITTSBURGH, PENNA., July, 1894.

On motion of Charles L. Field it was resolved, That three hundred copies of the Annual Address of the Imperial Potentate be printed and distributed.

The Imperial Recorder then distributed the printed address.

On motion duly seconded it was resolved, That the annual address of the Imperial Potentate be referred to the Committee on Transactions of the Imperial Officers.

The Imperial Potentate announced several vacancies on the General Committees, and appointed the following-named nobles to fill the vacant offices : —

Jurisprudence and Laws.

JOSEPH W. SMITH, *vice* JOHN T. BRUSH.

Dispensation and Charters.

JAMES MCGEE, *vice* EUGENE S. ELLIOTT.

Mileage and Pay of Representatives.

R. H. HUNTINGTON, *vice* FRANK G. MAUS.

Transactions of Imperial Officers.

ED. E. BALDWIN, *vice* MATTHEW R. WOLFF.

E. F. ALLEN, *vice* GEORGE H. BURNHAM.

Grievances and Appeals.

JOHN H. ATWOOD, *vice* DWIGHT BYINGTON.

E. C. BARTHOLOMEW, *vice* E. C. DOOM.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Imperial Potentate then announced the following Committees as fully constituted for the business of this session : —

Jurisprudence and Laws.

JOHN W. BOYLE.....Utica, N.Y.
JOSEPH W. SMITH.....Indianapolis, Ind.
CHARLES W. CUSHMAN.....Buffalo, N.Y.
THADDEUS B. BEECHER.....Bridgeport, Conn.
HARRISON DINGMAN.....Washington, D.C.

Dispensations and Charters.

WILLIAM M. KNIGHT.....Chicago, Ill.
ALDON G. SHEARMAN.....Cleveland, Ohio.
WAYLAND TRASK.....Brooklyn, N.Y.
JAMES MCGEE.....New York City.
LOU B. WINSOR.....Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mileage and Pay of Representatives.

SARAH R. ELLISON.....	New York City.
A. V. HOLMES.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.
LOUIS P. ECKER.....	Richmond, Va.
JOHN HOYT.....	Davenport, Iowa.
R. H. HUNTINGTON.....	Watertown, N.Y.

Transactions of Imperial Officers.

ED. E. BALDWIN.....	Wheeling, W. Va.
ETHELBERT F. ALLEN.....	Kansas City, Mo.
CYRUS W. EATON.....	Cedar Rapids, Ia.
OTTO F. STIFEL.....	St. Louis, Mo.
JOSEPH W. HUDSON.....	Minneapolis, Minn.

Grievances and Appeals.

JOHN H. ATWOOD.....	Leavenworth, Kan.
HENRY P. KEISER.....	Reading, Pa.
J. W. KNOWLTON.....	Bridgeport, Conn.
LEVI C. GOODALE.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.
E. C. BARTHOLOMEW.....	Austin, Texas.

Finance and Accounts.

CHARLES CARY.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
BENJAMIN W. ROWELL.....	Lynn, Mass.
CHARLES F. BECK.....	Detroit, Mich.
GEORGE W. MILLAR.....	New York City.
JOSEPH SWOPE.....	Dallas, Texas.

Credentials.

THOMAS J. BISHOP.....	Greenbush Heights, N.Y.
SYLVESTER O. SPRING.....	Peoria, Ill.
H. C. STOCKDELL.....	Atlanta, Ga.
E. F. ALLEN.....	Kansas City, Mo.
EDWARD B. JORDAN.....	Philadelphia, Pa.

Committee on Deceased Members.

CHARLES A. HILLER.....	Salina, Kan.
CLARENCE E. DECAMP.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
M. H. GARTEN.....	Lincoln, Neb.
D. B. WADDELL.....	Meridian, Miss.
WM. H. S. WRIGHT.....	St. Paul, Minn.

On motion of Noble Wm. Ryan it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Address of Potentate W. W. Anderson and the response of Noble John H. Atwood be printed in the Proceedings.

The Imperial Recorder, Frank M. Luce, then presented his Annual Report as follows:—

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE IMPERIAL RECORDER.

CHICAGO, July 24, 1894.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council :

Your Imperial Recorder respectfully submits the following report for the year from June 10, 1893, to June 1, 1894 : —

IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

At the close of the last Annual Session, and to the present time, there are : —

No. of Ad Vitam members.....	3
“ Active members.....	151
“ Emeritus members	4
“ Representative of Temples in the East.....	1
“ Temples that have been Chartered to date.....	65
“ Temples under Dispensation to date.....	3

REPORTS OF TEMPLES.

To Jan. 1, 1894.

The reports which have been received from the various Temples are given in the table herewith.

A recapitulation of the Annual Reports from all the Temples shows the following totals : —

No. of Nobles on Dec. 31, 1892.....	27,161
“ “ Entered the Unseen Temple.....	294
“ “ Demitted	266
“ “ Suspended	252
“ “ Expelled.....	5
Decrease in members.....	817
Leaving a total of.....	26,344
No. of Nobles Created to Dec. 31, 1893, in Temples.....	4,875
“ “ Affiliated and restored to date.....	129
“ “ In Temples under dispensation (Charter members).....	81
Total increase in Nobles.....	5,085
Total number of Nobles Dec. 31, 1893	31,429

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Report of Temples, to Jan. 1, 1894.

TEMPLES.	LOCATION.	Membership Dec. 31, 1892.	Died.	Demitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Created.	Affiliated. Restored.	Charter Members.	Membership Dec. 31, 1893.
1 Abdallah	Leavenworth	322	3	5	8	....	102	4	....	412
2 Acca	Richmond	176	....	3	....	....	31	....	....	205
3 Affa	Tacoma	162	1	....	....	....	120	1	....	173
4 Ahmed, U. D.	Marquette .....	....	2	....	....	....	57	....	....	89
5 Aladdin, U. D.	Columbus	(Dispen	sa	ti'n	g'm'ted	....	....	J'n.	10,	1894.
6 Al Chymia	Memphis	92	3	1	....	....	10	....	....	98
7 Aleppo	Boston	2,082	15	14	33	1	293	....	....	2,312
8 Algeria	Helena	210	1	2	1	....	28	....	....	234
9 Alhambra	Chattanooga	130	1	1	....	....	18	20	....	148
10 Al Kader	Portland	121	....	....	....	....	37	....	....	158
11 Al Koran	Cleveland	541	4	6	7	....	54	3	....	581
12 Al Malaikah	Los Angeles	245	....	....	....	....	29	2	....	276
13 Almas	Washington	421	4	3	....	....	160	6	....	580
14 Ararat	Kansas City	573	4	5	....	....	36	7	....	607
15 Bailut Abyad	Albuquerque	60	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	60
16 Ben Hur	Austin	111	1	....	....	....	51	1	....	162
17 Boumi	Baltimore	323	....	6	4	....	36	3	....	353
18 Cyprus	Albany	268	1	2	....	....	44	1	....	310
19 Damascus	Rochester	481	3	9	....	....	46	....	....	515
20 El Jebel	Denver	672	9	8	27	....	66	7	....	701
21 El Kalah	Salt Lake City	115	4	3	4	....	34	2	....	140
22 El Kahir	Cedar Rapids	858	7	2	....	1	174	2	....	1,024
23 El Katif	Spokane	100	3	2	....	....	36	....	....	131
24 El Riad	Sioux Falls	333	6	9	....	....	74	....	....	397
25 El Zagal	Fargo	186	....	1	....	....	37	....	....	222
26 Hamasa	Meridian	22	1	....	....	....	....	2	....	39
27 Hella	Dallas	399	5	6	1	....	93	2	....	482
28 India, U. D.	Oklahoma .....	....	....	....	....	....	27	1	7	35
29 Isis	Salina	428	3	9	....	....	57	....	....	474
30 Islam	San Francisco	519	9	....	....	....	69	....	....	579
31 Ismailia	Buffalo	511	1	....	....	....	105	5	....	620
32 Jerusalem	New Orleans	86	4	....	....	....	30	....	....	112
33 Kaaba	Davenport	566	8	12	....	....	71	1	....	618
34 Kismet	Brooklyn	429	8	5	3	....	61	5	....	479
35 Kora	Lewiston	85	2	....	....	....	58	....	....	149
36 Kosair	Louisville	174	....	....	....	....	16	....	....	179
37 Lu Lu	Philadelphia	2,132	24	22	61	....	170	2	....	2,197
38 Mecca	New York	2,052	34	10	30	....	211	15	....	2,204
39 Medinah	Chicago	1,662	16	54	....	....	308	7	....	1,907
40 Media	Watertown	256	2	4	....	....	63	2	....	315
41 Mohammed	Peoria .....	....	....	....	....	....	58	1	34	93
42 Moila	St. Joseph	139	3	1	....	....	31	2	....	168
43 Moolah	St. Louis	380	1	4	10	....	85	5	....	455
44 Morocco	Jacksonville	35	1	....	....	1	11	....	....	43
45 Moslem	Detroit	691	5	2	16	1	167	....	....	834
46 Mount Sinai	Montpelier	272	6	....	....	....	28	1	....	295
47 Murat	Indianapolis	531	10	4	3	....	97	2	....	613
48 Naja	Deadwood	67	1	....	....	....	10	....	....	76
49 Oriental	Troy	417	7	1	....	....	97	....	....	506
50 Osiris	Wheeling	309	4	....	....	....	37	1	....	343
51 Osman	St. Paul	427	6	8	....	....	105	1	....	519
52 Palestine	Providence	477	5	....	....	....	58	....	....	530
53 Pyramid	Bridgeport	851	11	....	....	....	92	....	....	932
54 Rajah	Reading	133	3	....	....	....	65	11	....	206
55 Rameses	Toronto	100	1	....	11	....	44	....	....	132
56 Sahara	Pine Bluff	109	3	2	....	....	20	2	....	126
57 Salaam	Olney	45	....	....	....	....	5	....	....	50
58 Saladin	Grand Rapids	502	7	5	....	....	166	1	....	657
59 Sesostris	Lincoln	301	....	1	....	....	89	1	....	390
60 Syria	Pittsburgh	763	4	6	10	....	139	6	....	888
61 Syrian	Cincinnati	783	4	6	1	....	230	5	....	1,007
62 Tangier	Omaha	388	2	2	2	1	129	2	....	512
63 Tripoli	Milwaukee	385	4	1	10	....	59	1	....	430
64 Yaarab	Atlanta	162	2	3	....	....	26	....	....	183
65 Zamora	Birmingham	65	4	2	....	....	20	....	....	79
66 Zem Zem	Erie	132	1	....	....	....	46	....	....	170
67 Ziyara	Utica	452	2	9	....	....	58	....	....	499
68 Zuhrah	Minneapolis	337	2	4	....	....	87	3	....	421
Totals		27,161	294	266	252	5	4,875	129	81	31,429

Receipts.

There have been received for Fees, Dues, etc., for the year ending May 31, 1894, from the following Temples:—

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispen- sations.	Totals.
June 30, 1893	Abdallah.....		\$40 00				
Jan. 6, 1894	".....	\$50 00	4 00				
Jan. 11, 1894	".....		22 00				\$156 00
June 23, 1894	".....		40 00				
Mar. 16, 1894	Acca.....	30 00	80 00				110 00
Sept. 19, 1893	Afifi.....		10 00				
Oct. 27, 1893	".....		16 00				
Mar. 12, 1894	".....	20 00					46 00
Oct. 10, 1893	Ahmed.....		86 00				
Dec. 13, 1893	".....		14 00				
Jan. 11, 1894	".....	10 00					
May 1, 1894	".....				15 00	150 00	
May 25, 1894	".....		2 00				
July 13, 1894	".....		64 00				341 00
April 12, 1894	Aladdin.....		104 00				
May 1, 1894	".....				15 00	150 00	
May 25, 1894	".....		102 00				371 00
Feb. 14, 1894	Al Chymia.....		20 00				
April 18, 1894	".....	10 00					30 00
Dec. 13, 1893	Aleppo.....		96 00				
Jan. 6, 1894	".....	240 00					
Feb. 1, 1894	".....		90 00				
April 11, 1894	".....		100 00				
May 30, 1894	".....		164 00				690 00
June 24, 1893	Algeria.....		20 00				
Jan. 6, 1894	".....		20 00				
Jan. 11, 1894	".....	30 00					70 00
Jan. 16, 1894	Alhambra.....	20 00	36 00				80 00
July 6, 1894	".....		24 00				94 00
April 10, 1894	Al Kader.....	20 00	74 00				
June 24, 1893	Al Koran.....		60 00				
Oct. 26, 1893	".....		20 00				
Dec. 19, 1893	".....	60 00					
Feb. 15, 1894	".....		44 00				
May 24, 1894	".....		62 00				246 00
Nov. 14, 1893	Al Malaikah.....		20 00				
Jan. 12, 1894	".....	30 00					
May 24, 1894	".....		32 00				82 00
Sept. 1, 1893	Almas.....		60 00	1 00			
Dec. 13, 1893	".....		46 00				
Jan. 11, 1894	".....	60 00	26 00				
May 8, 1894	".....		100 00				
May 24, 1894	".....			2 00			315 00
June 23, 1894	".....		20 00				
Dec. 19, 1893	Ararat.....	70 00	72 00				
May 10, 1894	".....		30 00	2 00			188 00
June 23, 1894	".....		14 00				
Jan. 16, 1894	Ballut Abyad.....	10 00					10 00
Aug. 3, 1893	Ben Hur.....		24 00				
Dec. 16, 1893	".....	20 00	38 00				
Mar. 13, 1894	".....		16 00				
May 9, 1894	".....		60 00				158 00
July 12, 1893	Boumi.....		8 00				
Oct. 5, 1893	".....		18 00				
Dec. 12, 1893	".....		2 00				
Dec. 26, 1893	".....			1 00			
Feb. 2, 1894	".....	40 00					
May 9, 1894	".....		42 00				127 00
July 13, 1894	".....		16 00				
Carried forward		\$720 00	\$2,058 00	\$6 00	\$30 00	\$300 00	\$3,114 00

Receipts — Continued.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispen- sations.	Totals.
Oct. 16, 1893	<i>Brought forward</i>	\$720 00	\$2,058 00	\$6 00	\$30 00	\$300 00	\$3,114 00
Dec. 12, 1893	Cyprus		86 00				
Feb. 17, 1894	"	40 00	2 00				
Feb. 19, 1894	"		2 00				130 00
Mar. 12, 1894	Damascus	60 00	92 00				152 00
Sept. 2, 1893	El Jebel		88 00	1 00			
Feb. 19, 1894	"	80 00					
Mar. 7, 1894	"		74 00				
May 30, 1894	"		54 00				297 00
Aug. 1, 1893	El Kalah		40 00				
Feb. 2, 1894	"	20 00					
Mar. 8, 1894	"		44 00				104 00
Aug. 10, 1893	El Kahir		234 00				
Oct. 18, 1893	"		28 00				
Feb. 2, 1894	"	110 00					
Dec. 22, 1893	"		24 00				
May 31, 1894	"		82 00				478 00
Mar. 28, 1894	El Katif	20 00	82 00				102 00
Mar. 6, 1894	El Riad	40 00	138 00				
Feb. 22, 1894	"				5 00		183 00
Oct. 2, 1893	El Zagal		40 00				
Jan. 12, 1894	"	30 00					
May 6, 1894	"		48 00				118 00
June 24, 1893	Hamasa	5 00					
Jan. 16, 1894	"	10 00	2 00				
Mar. 13, 1894	"		12 00				29 00
Nov. 3, 1893	Hella		32 00				
Feb. 1, 1894	"	50 00					
Feb. 14, 1894	"		4 00				
April 11, 1894	"		12 00				98 00
Aug. 12, 1893	India		4 00				
Oct. 5, 1893	"		8 00				
Oct. 12, 1893	"		16 00				
Dec. 12, 1893	"		10 00				
Feb. 5, 1894	"		4 00				
Mar. 28, 1894	"		12 00				54 00
Nov. 1, 1893	Isis		12 00				
Feb. 15, 1894	"	50 00					
Feb. 19, 1894	"		38 00				
May 30, 1894	"		108 00				228 00
June 28, 1894	"		20 00				
Jan. 10, 1894	Islam	60 00	138 00				198 00
Oct. 18, 1893	Ismailia		44 00				
Jan. 5, 1894	"		28 00				
Feb. 5, 1894	"	70 00					
Feb. 17, 1894	"			1 00			
May 10, 1894	"		126 00				269 00
Feb. 2, 1894	Jerusalem	20 00	36 00				88 00
June 23, 1894	"		32 00				
Oct. 18, 1893	Kaaba		16 00				
Jan. 11, 1894	"	70 00					
Mar. 8, 1894	"		12 00				
May 9, 1894	"		30 00				
May 25, 1894	"		2 00				
June 8, 1894	"		78 00				
June 11, 1894	"		2 00				
July 7, 1894	"		2 00				
Aug. 3, 1893	Kismet		112 00				212 00
Jan. 10, 1894	"	50 00	10 00				
Feb. 5, 1894	"						
June 8, 1894	"		84 00	1 00			
July 13, 1894	"		24 00				281 00
	<i>Carried forward</i>	\$1,505 00	\$4,286 00	\$9 00	\$35 00	\$300 00	\$6,135 00

Receipts — Continued.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensations.	Totals.
	<i>Brought forward</i>	\$1,505 00	\$4,286 00	\$9 00	\$35 00	\$300 00	\$6,135 00
Oct. 6, 1893	Kora		8 00				
Jan. 16, 1894	"	20 00	4 00				
April 12, 1894	"		28 00				
May 31, 1894	"		36 00				96 00
June 24, 1893	Kosair		28 00				
Jan. 3, 1894	"	20 00					
Feb. 24, 1894	"		6 00				
April 17, 1894	"				10 00		
May 25, 1894	"		8 00				72 00
July 10, 1893	Lu Lu			1 00			
Sept. 26, 1893	"			1 00			
Feb. 1, 1894	"	220 00	340 00				
May 31, 1894	"		142 00				704 00
June 24, 1893	Mecca		174 00	1 00			
Sept. 14, 1893	"		42 00	1 00			
Oct. 2, 1893	"			1 00			
Nov. 4, 1893	"		54 00	3 00			
Dec. 12, 1893	"		56 00	2 00			
Jan. 3, 1894	"	230 00	100 00	1 00			
Feb. 6, 1894	"		44 00				
April 12, 1894	"		64 00	1 00			
May 9, 1894	"		60 00	1 00			921 00
June 8, 1894	"		86 00				
Feb. 2, 1894	Medinah	200 00	616 00				816 00
Sept. 8, 1893	Media		4 00				
Oct. 26, 1893	"		18 00				
Dec. 16, 1893	"		16 00				
Jan. 4, 1894	"	40 00					
April 12, 1894	"		44 00				126 00
July 6, 1894	"		4 00				
Aug. 2, 1893	Mohammed				15 00	150 00	
Feb. 2, 1894	"	10 00	116 00				291 00
July 3, 1893	Moila		50 00				
Oct. 16, 1893	"		12 00	2 00			
Jan. 10, 1894	"	20 00					
Jan. 15, 1894	"						
Feb. 5, 1894	"		10 00		5 00		
May 9, 1894	"		32 00				131 00
Sept. 26, 1893	Moolah						
Nov. 29, 1893	"			1 00			
Dec. 12, 1893	"		48 00		10 00		
Feb. 2, 1894	"	50 00					
Feb. 3, 1894	"		28 00				
April 18, 1894	"		36 00				139 00
July 13, 1894	"		26 00				
Dec. 19, 1893	Morocco		4 00				
Dec. 28, 1893	"	10 00					44 00
July 6, 1894	"	10 00	20 00				
July 19, 1893	Moslem						
Sept. 2, 1893	"			1 00			
Oct. 10, 1893	"		312 00	1 00			
Nov. 1, 1893	"						
Dec. 19, 1893	"		20 00	1 00			
Dec. 26, 1893	"	90 00		1 00			
Feb. 2, 1894	"		48 00				
Mar. 8, 1894	"		222 00				
Mar. 19, 1894	"		4 00	1 00			
May 9, 1894	"		90 00				
May 25, 1894	"						
July 13, 1894	"		128 00	1 00			920 00
Nov. 3, 1893	Mount Sinal		32 00				
Jan. 10, 1894	"	30 00	10 00				
	<i>Carried forward</i>	\$2,455 00	\$7,516 00	\$31 00	\$75 00	\$450 00	\$10,455 00

Receipts — Continued.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispen- sations.	Totals.
	<i>Brought forward</i>	\$2,455 00	\$7,516 00	\$31 00	\$75 00	\$450 00	\$10,455 00
April 11, 1894	Mount Sinai.....		28 00				128 00
June 23, 1894	"		28 00				
June 30, 1893	Murat.....		110 00				
Jan. 5, 1894	"	70 00	84 00				
Jan. 24, 1894	"			2 00			
Feb. 5, 1894	"			2 00			
April 3, 1894	"			1 00			
May 8, 1894	"		86 00				355 00
Jan. 3, 1894	Naja.....	10 00					
Mar. 8, 1894	"		24 00				34 00
Aug. 2, 1893	Oriental.....		20 00				
Jan. 6, 1894	"	60 00	10 00				120 00
July 6, 1894	"		36 00				
Dec. 13, 1893	Ostris.....		30 00				
Jan. 9, 1894	"	40 00					
Jan. 25, 1894	"			1 00			
Mar. 19, 1894	"		20 00				
April 12, 1894	"		62 00				153 00
June 24, 1893	Osmun.....		52 00				
Jan. 4, 1894	"	60 00	32 00				
Mar. 19, 1894	"		16 00				160 00
April 18, 1894	Palestine.....	60 00	116 00				176 00
July 5, 1893	Pyramid.....		122 00				
Feb. 5, 1894	"	100 00	62 00				354 00
June 11, 1894	"		70 00				
Jan. 10, 1894	Rajah.....	30 00	58 00				128 00
May 25, 1894	"		40 00				
Nov. 14, 1893	Rameses.....		26 00				
Feb. 14, 1894	"	20 00	48 00				124 00
May 30, 1894	"		30 00				
Sept. 11, 1893	Sahara.....		8 00	2 00			
Aug. 6, 1893	"		34 00				64 00
Jan. 11, 1894	"	20 00					
Feb. 14, 1894	Salaam.....	10 00					
May 31, 1894	"		8 00				18 00
Aug. 11, 1893	Saladin.....		130 00	3 00			
Dec. 30, 1893	"	70 00	2 00	1 00			
Mar. 16, 1891	"		126 00	1 00			
May 15, 1894	"				5 00		544 00
June 23, 1894	"		206 00				88 00
Feb. 2, 1894	Sesostris.....	40 00	48 00				
July 25, 1893	Syria.....		118 00				
Nov. 1, 1893	"		54 00				
Dec. 13, 1893	"		62 00				
Jan. 9, 1894	"	90 00					
Feb. 3, 1894	"		36 00				
Feb. 14, 1894	"			1 00			
May 8, 1894	"		80 00				
May 31, 1894	"		58 00				497 00
Feb. 6, 1894	Syrian.....	110 00	154 00				264 00
July 7, 1893	Tangier.....			1 00			
Dec. 13, 1893	"		52 00				
Jan. 11, 1894	"	60 00					
Feb. 17, 1894	"			3 00			
May 9, 1894	"		64 00				224 00
June 18, 1894	"		44 00				
Sept. 8, 1893	Tripoli.....			1 00			
Feb. 2, 1894	"	50 00					
Mar. 13, 1894	"		32 00				163 00
July 13, 1894	"		80 00				
Dec. 13, 1893	Yaarab.....		6 00	1 00			
Jan. 30, 1894	"	20 00	2 00				
	<i>Carried forward</i>	\$3,375 00	\$10,128 00	\$51 00	\$80 00	\$450 00	\$14,055 00

Receipts — Concluded.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispen- sations.	Totals.
	<i>Brought forward</i>	\$3,375 00	\$10,128 00	\$51 00	\$80 00	\$450 00	\$14,055 00
Mar. 8, 1894	Yaarab		4 00				
April 27, 1894	"		6 00				
May 31, 1894	"		26 00				65 00
Mar. 12, 1894	Zamora	10 00	40 00				50 00
June 30, 1893	Zem Zem		86 00				
Jan. 16, 1894	"	20 00	6 00				244 00
June 28, 1894	"		132 00				
June 27, 1893	Ziyara		8 00				
Feb. 5, 1894	"	50 00	16 00				
May 10, 1894	"		54 00				154 00
June 23, 1894	"		26 00				
Aug. 11, 1893	Zuhrab		34 00				
Dec. 13, 1893	"		14 00				
Jan. 5, 1894	"			1 00			
Jan. 24, 1894	"	50 00					
Feb. 26, 1894	"		46 00				
May 9, 1894	"		24 00	2 00			195 00
June 8, 1894	"		24 00				
		\$3,505 00	\$10,674 00	\$54 00	\$80 00	\$450 00	\$14,763 00

RECAPITULATION OF THE ABOVE RECEIPTS.

Receipts for annual dues.....	\$3,505.00
“ “ initiation fees.....	10,674.00
“ “ duplicate diploma fees.....	54.00
“ “ Rituals	80.00
“ “ dispensation fees.....	450.00
Balance of contingent fund returned by Past Imperial Potentate Wm. B. Melish.....	291.45
Total paid Imperial Treasurer.....	\$15,054.45

AMOUNTS REMITTED TO THE IMPERIAL RECORDER
SINCE JUNE 1, 1894, AND CONTAINED IN
THE FOREGOING TABLES.

1894.			
June	8.....	Kaaba.....	\$ 78.00
"	8.....	Mecca.....	86.00
"	8.....	Zuhrah.....	24.00
"	8.....	Kismet.....	84.00
"	11.....	Kaaba.....	2.00
"	11.....	Pyramid.....	70.00
"	18.....	Tangier.....	44.00
"	23.....	Abdallah.....	40.00
"	23.....	Ararat.....	14.00
"	23.....	Mount Sinai.....	28.00
"	23.....	Jerusalem.....	32.00
"	23.....	Almas.....	20.00
"	23.....	Ziyara.....	26.00
"	23.....	Saladin.....	206.00
"	28.....	Zem Zem.....	132.00
"	28.....	Isis.....	20.00
Total.....			\$906.00
1894.			
July	6.....	Alhambra.....	\$ 24.00
"	6.....	Morocco.....	30.00
"	6.....	Oriental.....	36.00
"	6.....	Media.....	4.00
"	7.....	Kaaba.....	2.00
"	13.....	Bouni.....	16.00
"	13.....	Kismet.....	24.00
"	13.....	Tripoli.....	80.00
"	13.....	Moslem.....	128.00
"	13.....	Ahmed.....	64.00
"	13.....	Moolah.....	26.00
Total.....			\$434.00

You will pardon me if in closing this report I repeat what I said one year ago, "that owing to other and important duties, I would not, for any consideration, be a candidate for re-election."

It is therefore in sorrow and with much regret that I take official leave of the officers and members of this Imperial Council, from one and all of whom I have received so many kind words and so many assurances of continued friendship. Your generous confidence and the many personal

obligations your kind acts have placed me under, make the severance of these ties the more painful to me; but the duty I owe to others and myself compels me to this course.

Honored as I have been through your partiality for me, and trusted by you as I have so often been with one of the most responsible offices in this Order, I may be permitted to say, that it has ever been my aim to serve you honestly and faithfully, the better to conserve the interests of this Imperial Council and add to the pleasure of its members.

That I have done so with a reasonable degree of success is assured by your repeated votes of confidence and the attestation of your dearly loved friendship.

With no heart-burnings or ill-will toward anyone, I now retire from this high office to take my place among the unofficial; where, free from official cares, I may the better labor with you for the unity, prosperity and harmony of this noble Order of ours.

To one and all the honored officers and faithful members of this Imperial Council, my heartfelt thanks are due and are now sincerely spoken for the kindness ever shown me and the many honors so often conferred upon me; and I here assure you that the friendships thus founded while laboring in our Mystic Rites, shall never be weakened, nor the ties that bind us in the Faith, as Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, be ever broken by me so long as the Great Allah gives me power to reason and a knowledge of the right.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK M. LUCE,

Imperial Recorder.

On motion of Noble Edward B. Jordan, the report of the Imperial Recorder was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE IMPERIAL TREASURER.

The Imperial Treasurer, Noble Joseph S. Wright, presented his annual report as follows:—

DENVER, COL., July 24, 1894.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council,
A. A. O. N. M. S. :

Your Imperial Treasurer herewith submits his statement of the moneys received and disbursed by him from June 14, 1893, to July 20, 1894:—

1893.

June 14	To Balance.....	\$13,980 83
" 14	To certified check from W. B. Melish, drawn to the order of himself, delivered by Finance Committee,	\$2,041 65
" 25	To Cash from appointed Imperial Recorder (by Imperial Potentate, Wm. B. Melish) Noble Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis, Mo., without receipt.....	277 00
July 4	To Cash from Recorder, F. M. Luce, Receipt No. 125....	500 00
" 8	" " " " " " " " 126....	84 00
Aug. 7	" " " " " " " " 127....	301 00
" 15	" " " " " " " " 128....	165 00
Sept. 11	" " " " " " " " 129....	291 45
Oct. 19	" " " " " " " " 130....	200 00

1894.

Jan.	9	To Cash from Recorder, F. M. Luce, Receipt No.	131....	1,000 00	
"	14	" " " " " " " "	132....	1,569 00	
Feb.	21	" " " " " " " "	133....	1,000 00	
Mar.	14	" " " " " " " "	134....	1,000 00	
"	31	" " " " " " " "	135....	212 00	
Apr.	9	" " " " " " " "	136....	1,000 00	
"	19	" " " " " " " "	137....	1,000 00	
"	28	" " " " " " " "	138....	1,159 00	
May	26	" " " " " " " "	139....	1,232 00	
June	9	" " " " " " " "	140....	776 00	
July	7	" " " " " " " "	141....	2,225 00	
"	18	Interest on deposit in Third Nat'l Bank, Phil., to date		106 23	
					16,139 33
					<u>\$30,120 16</u>
July	20	To Cash from Recorder, F. M. Luce, Receipt No.	142...	1,107 23	
"	20	" " " " " " " "	143...	232 77	
					<u>1,340 00</u>
					<u>\$31,460 16</u>

1893. Warrant.			
June 24	7	By F. W. Graham, Engraving 1875 Diplomas, Warrant drawn by Wm. H. Mayo, Imperial Recorder, approved by W. B. Melish, Imperial Potentate.....	\$75 00
" 24	8	By Wm. H. Mayo, Salary as Imperial Recorder, Warrant drawn by Wm. H. Mayo, Imperial Recorder, approved by W. B. Melish, Imperial Potentate.....	183 34
" 24	9	By Wm. H. Mayo, Postage, Expressage, Telegrams and Sundries, Feb. 15, to June 10, 1893, Warrant drawn by Wm. H. Mayo, Imperial Recorder, approved by W. B. Melish, Imperial Potentate.....	32 60
" 28	316	By Frank M. Luce, Services rendered six months, Dec. 10, 1892, to June 10, 1893.....	1,000 00
" 28	317	By Frank M. Luce, Expressage and Postage, Dec. 10, 1892, to June 16, 1893.....	145 20
July 3	318	By Frank T. Haggerty, Services rendered as Official Stenographer.....	100 00
" 3	319	By John Worthington, amount appropriated to him by the Imperial Council, and the amount to be sent to him in sterling exchange.....	500 00
" 3	320	By Mecca Temple, amount of Oriental Publishing Co. bill, paid by Mecca Temple.....	230 00
" 3	321	By Armstrong & Fillmore, 500 copies of Imperial Potentate's address.....	75 50
" 3	322	By Pettibone Manufacturing Co., 175 Badges for Representatives to Imperial Council.....	43 75
" 4	323	By Hamasa Temple, Meridian, Miss., Guarantee Fee returned.....	100 00
" 4	324	By Naja Temple, Deadwood, S.D., Guarantee Fee returned.....	100 00
" 4	325	By Rajah Temple, Reading, Pa., Guarantee Fee returned.....	100 00
" 10	326	By Citizens Trust & Surety Co., of Phila., Pa., Premium for one year on Bond of Impl. Treas.....	250 00
" 10	327	By Thos. J. Hudson, I. P., Acct. of Contingent Fund as per action of Impl. Council.....	500 00
" 10	328	By The Fidelity & Casualty Co., Premium on Bond of Impl. Recorder for \$10,000.....	100 00
" 27	329	By Mohammed Temple, Guarantee Fee returned ..	100 00
Aug. 16	330	By Frank M. Luce, Salary as Impl. Recorder 2 mos. June 10 to Aug. 10, 1893.....	250 00
" 16	331	By Frank M. Luce, Postage, Expressage and Telegrams, June 16 to Aug. 10, 1893.....	42 82
" 16	332	By Pettibone, Wells & Co., Cash Book, Ledger and Stationery to Aug. 10, 1893.....	40 97
" 17	333	By Jos. S. Wright, I.T., Mileage and <i>Per Diem</i> paid to Representatives at the meeting of the Imperial Council, June 13 and 14, 1893.....	9,971 17
" 24	334	By Knight & Leonard Co., Letter Heads and Envelopes.....	23 00
" 29	335	By Shober & Carqueville Lithographing Co., 5,000 Diplomas.....	150 00
Carried forward.....			\$14,113 35

1893. Warrant.		<i>Brought forward</i>	\$14,113 35
Sept. 11	336	By A. L. Rawson, Mileage and <i>Per Diem</i> and 3 days' work for Ritual Committee	135 80
"	15	337 By F. G. Smith Sons & Co., one Past Imperial Potentate Jewel for Sam Briggs.....	500 00
"	18	338 By Knight & Leonard Co., Printing and Stationery to Sept. 12, 1893	427 50
Oct. 30	339	By A. M. Penley, Balance due him for Mileage and <i>Per Diem</i>	113 40
Nov. 7	340	By Geo. F. Buss, Expenses inspecting Ahmed Temple Oct. 12, 1893.....	33 30
"	7	341 By Wm. A. Stiles, Expenses inspecting Mohammed Temple Oct. 17, 1893.....	24 50
"	7	342 By Frank M. Luce, Expenses of Nobles Luce and Smith, assisting in the inspection of Al Koran Temple of Cleveland, O., Oct. 19, 1893,	32 50
"	22	343 By Frank Locke, Expenses inspecting Mt. Sinai Temple Oct. 23, 1893.....	127 25
"	22	344 By Pettibone, Wells & Co., Printing and Stationery to Nov. 1, 1893	87 00
Dec. 14	345	By Frank M. Luce, Salary as Imperial Recorder four months ending Dec. 10, 1893.....	500 00
"	14	346 By Frank M. Luce, Postage, Expressage and Telegrams to Dec. 1, 1893	141 12
1894. Warrant.			
Jan. 8	350	By Sam Briggs, Expenses inspecting Rameses Temple Nov. 29, 1893.....	36 75
"	8	347 By Thaddeus B. Beecher, Expenses inspecting Media Temple of Watertown, N.Y.	37 90
"	8	348 By Cyrus W. Eaton, Expenses inspecting Ararat Temple of Kansas City, Mo.....	32 00
"	8	349 By John C. Smith, Expenses inspecting Osman Temple Dec. 13, 1893	32 50
"	10	351 By Jos. B. Eakins, Expenses inspecting Palestine Temple Dec. 19, 1893.....	18 84
"	10	352 By Pettibone, Wells & Co., Printing to Dec. 15, 1893,	113 50
"	10	353 By The Henry O. Shepard Co., Printing to Jan. 1, 1894.....	52 00
"	10	354 By Jno. C. Smith, Expenses inspecting Tripoli Temple Jan. 10, 1894	15 00
"	10	355 By C. W. Pierson, Engraving Testimonial to W. B. Melish and citizens of Cincinnati, O.	100 00
Feb. 3	356	By Thos. J. Hudson, Account of Contingent Fund,	250 00
"	26	357 By H. A. Collins, Expenses inspecting Mecca Temple Jan. 30, 1894.....	54 00
"	26	358 By Jos. S. Wright, Expenses inspecting Kismet Temple Jan. 29, 1894.....	14 75
"	26	359 By Wm. Johnston Printing Co., printing Circulars, etc.....	30 75
Mar. 14	360	By W. M. Bailey, Expenses inspecting Saladin Temple	10 65
Apr. 9	361	By Pettibone, Wells & Co., Printing, Stationery, &c. to Mch. 1, 1894.....	28 50
"	23	362 By Thos. J. Hudson, on account of contingent fund,	150 00
<i>Carried forward</i>			\$17,215 86

1894. Warrant.		<i>Brought forward</i>	\$17,215 86
Apr. 23	363	By Frank M. Luce, Salary four months, Dec. 10, 1893, to Apr. 10, 1894.....	500 00
"	23	364 By Frank M. Luce, Expressage, Telegrams and Postage, Dec. 1, 1893, to April 10, 1894.....	112 42
"	23	365 By Knight, Leonard & Co., Printing.....	4 00
May 7	366	By A. L. Rawson, Editing Almanac and Calendar \$100.00, and expense of engraving three plates,	109 00
"	7	367 By Wm. Johnston Printing Co., Printing to May 3, 1894.....	106 25
June 7	368	By Jas. McGee, amount paid by him for a Ritual bound in a book store in New York.....	5 00
"	7	369 By The Fidelity & Casualty Co., premium on bond,	100 00
"	7	370 By T. J. Graham, expenses in inspecting Hamasa Temple May 29, 1894.....	27 00
"	11	371 By Frank M. Luce, salary to June 10, 1894.....	250 00
"	11	372 By Frank M. Luce, Expressage, Telegrams and Postage to June 10, 1894.....	45 30
"	15	373 By The Citizens' Trust and Surety Co., renewal of bond of Imperial Treasurer to June 15, 1895....	250 00
July 7	374	By C. W. Cushman, expenses inspecting Cyprus Temple May 31, 1894.....	12 50
"	11	375 By A. H. Kellogg, printing.....	93 90
"	11	376 By John W. Boyle, services and expenses.....	389 40
"	19	377 By Roundy Regalia Co., 175 badges at 75 cents each	131 25
"	20	378 By Frank M. Luce, Salary Imperial Recorder to July 25, 1894.....	187 50
"	20	379 By Frank M. Luce, Expressage, Telegrams and Postage.....	45 27
"	20	380 By E. R. Harris, Expenses.....	26 00
"	20	381 By Haskell Bros., one Trunk for Imperial Record- er's books.....	8 00
"	20	382 By Wm. Johnston Printing Co., Printing.....	75 25
Total			<u>\$19,693 90</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Balance at last audit, June 14, 1893.....	\$13,980 83
Certified check from W. B. Melish, June 14, 1893, drawn to the order of himself, delivered by Finance Committee.....	2,041 65
Cash from appointed Imperial Recorder, June 25, 1893, Noble Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis, Mo.	277 00
Interest on Deposits to July 18, 1894, by Third National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa.	106 23
Receipts from Recorder Frank M. Luce, June 14, 1893, to July 20, 1894.....	<u>15,054 45</u>
	\$31,460 16
Total Disbursements.....	<u>19,693 90</u>
Balance.....	\$11,766 26
All of which is respectfully submitted,	

Jos. S. WRIGHT,
Imperial Treasurer.

This report was also on motion referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

At this time Noble A. F. Vick Roy, Recorder of El Jebel Temple, announced the programme for the entertainment of the Imperial Council and visiting members of the Order and their ladies, as arranged by the Denver Nobility, and extended an invitation to the Imperial Council to accept the invitation, which was, upon motion, done by unanimous vote.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSACTIONS OF IMPERIAL OFFICERS.

To the Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine :

Your Committee on Transactions of Imperial Officers beg to report : —

We congratulate the Imperial Potentate and the Ill. Nobles of the Imperial Council on the prosperity of the Order and the harmony which has prevailed in our Jurisdiction during the year just closing.

1. That so much of the report as refers to the death of that Ill. Noble Frank Locke, Imperial Chief Rabban, be referred to a special Committee on Deceased Members.

2. That so much of the address as refers to Dispensations and Charters be referred to the usual Committee.

3. That all matters contained in the reports of the Imperial Recorder and Imperial Treasurer, and expenses of Imperial Potentate, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

4. That the matter of arrest of Charter of El Riad Temple, of Sioux Falls, S.D., be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws; and the matters referring to the correspondence of the Imperial Potentate with Moslem and Kismet Temples be referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

5. To that portion of Imperial Potentate's address referring to lithographic stones in possession of a firm in St. Louis (name unknown to your Committee), we would recommend that the Finance Committee be instructed to make an appropriation for the purchase of the stones, to be held by and for the use of this Imperial Council.

Your Committee notes that a large number of official visitations have been made to the various Temples by the Imperial Potentate or his special deputies; and believe the same essential and productive of much good, and that the practice may be continued hereafter by those who may be in authority.

Signed,

CYRUS W. EATON,
OTTO F. STIFEL,
ED. E. BALDWIN,
E. F. ALLEN,
J. B. HUDSON,

Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted as read.

Noble John W. Boyle called attention to the fact that there had been no roll call as yet; and on motion, duly seconded, it was

Resolved, That the roll be called, and that wherever there may be absentees those names be omitted.

The roll was called and the attendance found to be as printed elsewhere under the head of "Members present at the opening of the Imperial Council."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council,
A.A.O.N.M.S.:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report as follows:—

Credentials in the proper form have been presented to the Committee as to the following-named Nobles, and we recommend that they be received as Representatives of their respective Temples, and be constituted active members of the Imperial Council:—

WALTER M. FLEMING* Member *ad vitam*.
SAM BRIGGS " "
WILLIAM B. MELISH..... " "

Abdallah Temple.

Noble JOHN H. ATWOOD.
" ALFRED B. KELLER.
" DWIGHT BYINGTON.

Acca Temple.

Noble LOUIS P. ECKER.

Aftji Temple.

Noble GEORGE F. HART.

Ahmed Temple, U.D.

Noble JOHN Q. ADAMS.

Al Chymia Temple.

Noble HARRY D. WILSON.

Aladdin Temple, U.D.

Noble WILL. E. JOSEPH.

Aleppo Temple.

Noble JAMES A. FOX.

" BENJAMIN W. ROWELL.
" CALEB SAUNDERS.
" THOMAS WATERMAN.

Algeria Temple.

Noble RICHARD LOCKEY.*

Alhambra Temple.

Noble A. N. SLOAN.

Al Koran Temple.

Noble MOSES M. HOBART.
" ALDON G. SHEARMAN.
" JOHN J. SULLIVAN.

Al Kader Temple.

Noble IRVING W. PRATT.

Al Malaikah Temple.

Noble CLARENCE E. DECAMP.

Almas Temple.

Noble HARRISON DINGMAN.
" GEORGE H. WALKER.
" JAMES H. WARDLE.

Ararat Temple.

Noble JOHN H. WILES.

" ETHELBERT F. ALLEN.
" ARNOLD SHANKLIN.
" W. H. BROWN.

* Those marked * were not present at this session.

Ballut Abyad Temple.

Noble JOSEPH H. KUHS.

Ben Hur Temple.

Noble E. C. BARTHOLOMEW.

Boumi Temple.

Noble GEORGE W. STARR.*

" J. B. SCHWATKA.

Cyprus Temple.

Noble THOMAS J. BISHOP.

" CHARLES H. ARMATAGE.*

Damascus Temple.

Noble WILLIAM H. WHITING.

El Jebel Temple.

Noble A. B. MCGAFFEY.

" W. W. ANDERSON.

" J. P. BARNES.

" W. B. FELKER.

El Kahir Temple.

Noble CYRUS W. EATON.

" JOHN W. GEIGER.

" AUSTIN D. BROWN.

" WILLIS S. GARDNER.

El Katak Temple.

Noble ARTHUR M. GRANT.

El Katif Temple.

Noble FRANK W. CHURCHOUSE.

El Riad Temple.

Noble H. R. SANBORN.*

" J. P. MORROW.

" PARK DAVIS.

El Zagal Temple.

Noble THOMAS J. BAKER.

Hamasa Temple.

Noble D. B. WADDELL.

Hella Temple.

Noble JOSEPH SWOPE.

" LAWRENCE M. KNEPFLY.

" JAMES GARRITY.

India Temple, U.D.

Noble D. D. LEACH.*

Isis Temple.

Noble WM. H. WINTERBOTHAM.

" OWEN A. BASSETT.

" CHARLES A. HILLER.

Islam Temple.

Noble CHARLES L. FIELD.

" VICTOR D. DUBOCE.*

" HIRAM T. GRAVES.*

Ismailia Temple.

Noble CHARLES W. CUSHMAN.

" FRANK T. GILBERT.

" GEORGE L. BROWN.

" ERASTUS C. KNIGHT.

Jerusalem Temple.

Noble RICHARD LAMBERT.

Kaaba Temple.

Noble CYRUS T. DARLING.

" C. F. BIRCHARD.

" CHARLES M. WATERMAN.

" JOHN HOYT.

Kismet Temple.

Noble WAYLAND TRASK.

" FRANK C. MASON.

" CLARENCE E. STUMP.

Kora Temple.

Noble GEORGE D. BABBITT.

Kosair Temple.

Noble WILLIAM RYAN.

Lu Lu Temple.

Noble JOSEPH S. WRIGHT.

" FREDERICK LEIBRANDT.

" CHARLES CARY.

" EDWARD B. JORDAN.

Mecca Temple.

Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR.

" JAMES MCGEE.

" JOSEPH B. EAKINS.

" S. R. ELLISON.

Media Temple.

Noble RICHARD H. HUNTINGTON.

" JOHN S. COON.

*Those marked * were not present at this session.

Medinah Temple.

- Noble WILLIAM M. KNIGHT.
 " R. M. JOHNSON.
 " FRANK M. LUCE.
 " LEONARD W. CAMPBELL.

Mohammed Temple.

- Noble S. O. SPRING.

Moila Temple.

- Noble HENRY J. RAVOLD.

Moolah Temple.

- Noble OTTO F. STIFEL.
 " WILLIAM H. MAYO.
 " BENJAMIN F. NELSON.

Morocco Temple.

- Noble IRVING E. BAIRD.

Mostem Temple.

- Noble CHARLES F. BECK.
 " LOU BURT.
 " ED. R. HARRIS.
 " HUGH A. HOLMES.

Mount Sinai Temple.

- Noble COLLINS BLAKELY.

Murat Temple.

- Noble JOHN T. BRUSH.*
 " JOSEPH W. SMITH.
 " HENRY H. MCGAFFEY.
 " ROSCOE O. HAWKINS.*

Naja Temple.

- Noble D. K. DICKINSON.

Oriental Temple.

- Noble JOHN HORROCKS.
 " WILLIAM FINDER, JR.
 " HENRY SCHNEIDER.

Osiris Temple.

- Noble JOHN M. BIRCH.
 " E. E. BALDWIN.

Osman Temple.

- Noble W. H. S. WRIGHT.
 " OSCAR M. METCALF.
 " J. W. CHAMBERLAIN.

Palestine Temple.

- Noble GEORGE H. BURNHAM.*
 " HORACE K. BLANCHARD.
 " JOHN S. ROGERS.*

Pyramid Temple.

- Noble THADDEUS B. BEECHER.
 " DAVID R. ALLING.
 " JULIUS W. KNOWLTON.
 " FRED. C. WHIPPLE.

Rajah Temple.

- Noble HENRY P. KEISER

Rameses Temple.

- Noble HENRY ARDAGH COLLINS.

Sahara Temple.

- Noble JOHN T. MARSH.

Salaam Temple.

- Noble WILLIAM F. BECK.

Saladin Temple.

- Noble LOU B. WINSON.
 " CHARLES S. ROBINSON.
 " CHARLES E. FINK.
 " E. SHATTUCK.

Sesostris Temple.

- Noble JOHN H. MAURITIUS
 " MELCHERT H. GARTEN.

Syria Temple.

- Noble THOMAS J. HUDSON.
 " WILLIAM S. BROWN.
 " JAMES KERR, JR.
 " A. V. HOLMES.

Syrian Temple.

- Noble LEVI C. GOODALE.
 " JACOB H. BROMWELL.
 " MORRIS L. BUCHWALTER.
 " ALLEN ANDREWS.

Tangier Temple.

- Noble HENRY C. AKIN.
 " JAMES GILBERT.
 " HENRY GIBBON.

*Those marked * were not present at this session.

Tripoli Temple.

Noble JOHN GRAHAM.
 " A. M. DORAN.
 " J. J. ANDERTON.

Yaarab Temple.

Noble H. C. STOCKDELL.*

Zamora Temple.

Noble AUGUSTUS J. CAMP.

Zem Zem Temple.

Noble FRANK J. BASSETT.

Ziyara Temple.

Noble JOHN W. BOYLE.
 " NOBLE F. MARTIN.
 " EDWARD BROWN.*

Zuhrah Temple.

Noble JOSEPH L. DOBBIN.
 " JOHN A. SCHLENER.
 " JOSEPH B. HUDSON.

In the matter of the three Representatives of Tripoli Temple of Milwaukee, Wis., the Committee find that their credentials speak of them as "Alternates," and that they come in the place of others who were elected in December, 1893. The Committee recommend that their credentials be rejected.

In the case of the Representatives of El Riad Temple of Sioux Falls, S.D., the Committee report that the credentials are in proper form, but that the charter of the Temple, having been suspended, the Representatives are not entitled to seats in the Imperial Council.

Referring to Representatives from Hella Temple, your Committee find, as reported, three regularly-elected Representatives. Noble Lawrence M. Knefly was reported by such Temple to fill the vacancy of Noble J. D. A. Harris, resigned. We find from certificate of such election that no notice of such election was mailed to the members of such Temple, as certificate shows such election to have occurred at the same meeting Noble Harris's resignation was received.

Referring to Representatives from Osman Temple of St. Paul, your Committee find the same existing circumstances in reference to Noble Oscar M. Metcalf, reported by Osman Temple.

Referring to Representatives from Pyramid Temple of Bridgeport, Conn., your Committee find the election of Noble Fred C. Whipple irregular, as notice from such Temple states election to have occurred at a special meeting and without official dispensation from the Imperial Potentate, and also without notice to the membership of such Temple.

Referring to Representative from Osiris Temple of Wheeling, W.Va., we find the same existing circumstances in the election of Noble John M. Birch, it appearing that the membership of the Temple had not been notified that the election would be held.

In cases above mentioned we respectfully refer the same to the Imperial Council for its action.

THOMAS J. BISHOP,
 E. F. ALLEN,
 S. O. SPRING,
 E. B. JORDAN,

Committee.

* Those marked * were not present at this session.

Noble Melish moved that the report of the Committee on Credentials be received, and that each case where there is a dispute be taken up separately. This motion was duly seconded and carried.

It was, upon motion, voted that the name of Irving W. Pratt of Al Kader Temple, of Portland, Oregon, be added to the list, the Imperial Recorder stating that the credentials of the Noble had been received and mislaid.

The report was then taken up by sections and disposed of as follows:—

In the case of Noble Knepfly of Hella Temple, it was ordered that his credentials be received, there being nothing in the Law of the Order requiring that special notice be given each member of a Temple of the proposed election of Representatives.

The credentials of Noble O. M. Metcalf of Osman Temple, of St. Paul, Minn., and Noble John M. Birch of Osiris Temple, of Wheeling, W. Va., were duly recognized as regular, for the same reasons.

It was ordered that the credential of Noble Fred. C. Whipple of Pyramid Temple, of Bridgeport, Conn., be accepted, as the Law does not require a Temple to obtain a dispensation from the Imperial Potentate to hold an election for Representatives, nor to hold a special session of the Temple.

In the case of the three Representatives of Tripoli Temple of Milwaukee, Wis., they were seated by a unanimous vote, it being evident that it was the intent of the Temple to send the Nobles named in the credentials as Representatives, and that the error was on the part of the Potentate and Recorder of the Temple, in certifying to them as "Alternates."

In the case of the Representatives from El Riad Temple, of Sioux Falls, S. D., it was shown that it has been the rule in this Imperial Council to recognize the right of Representatives to sit in the Imperial Council pending the action of that body in regard to the suspension of a charter by the Imperial Potentate, and the Nobles were therefore seated as Representatives.

After taking the report up by sections, it was voted, upon motion of Noble Melish, That the report of the Committee on Credentials be adopted, with the changes ordered by the Imperial Council.

ELECTION OF IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

Noble Harrison Dingman moved that the Imperial Council proceed to the election of the Imperial Potentate for the coming year.

Noble R. H. Huntington offered as a substitute, That we proceed to the election of officers, which motion was seconded and duly carried.

Imperial Potentate Hudson appointed the following Nobles as Tellers of the election:—

HENRY A. COLLINS, of Rameses Temple, Toronto, Canada.
FREDERICK LEIBRANDT, of Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.
FRANK J. BASSETT, of Zem Zem Temple, Erie, Pa.
JAMES KERR, JR., of Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, Pa.
JACOB H. BROMWELL, of Syrian Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Noble J. L. Dobbin moved, That in conducting this election each Noble's name be called and that he step forward at once to cast his ballot, so as to avoid confusion.

The motion being duly seconded was put and carried.

On motion of Noble J. L. Dobbin it was

Resolved, That in view of the fact of the candidates being well known by this Body, nominating speeches be dispensed with.

Noble Jacob H. Bromwell nominated Past Imperial Potentate William B. Melish, of Syrian Temple, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Noble Irving W. Pratt nominated Deputy Imperial Potentate Charles L. Field, of Islam Temple, San Francisco, Cal.

The ballot resulted in the election of Past Potentate William B. Melish.

Noble John H. Atwood moved that the election of Noble Melish be made unanimous, which was agreed to without a dissenting voice.

Noble Field thanked the Nobles for the support given to him, promising that his efforts in advancing the interests of the Order, which he deemed a pleasant duty at all times, would be untiring.

Noble William B. Melish accepted the office of Imperial Potentate in well chosen remarks, thanking the Body for calling him to the chair a second time and for the compliment paid him by making the election unanimous.

On motion of Noble William S. Brown, duly seconded, the session was adjourned until Wednesday morning, July 25, at 10 o'clock A.M.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

DENVER, COL., July 25, 1894.

Pursuant to adjournment the Imperial Council was called to order by Imperial Potentate Thomas J. Hudson, at 10.15 A.M., all the officers being in their regular stations.

The Imperial Potentate announced that the election of officers was the first business to come before the Imperial Council.

By unanimous consent the Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following partial report as follows:—

PARTIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Imperial Council:

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts recommend that the Committee on Mileage and Pay of Representatives be instructed to pay the Representatives *per diem* at the rate of \$10.00 a day for two days, and mileage at the rate of three cents per mile each way travelled.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN W. ROWELL,
for the Committee.

This report was, upon a motion made and duly seconded, unanimously accepted and its recommendations adopted.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT SESSION.

The Imperial Potentate then appointed Nobles Geo. W. Millar, E. E. Baldwin and Aldon G. Shearman as a Committee to decide upon the time and place for the next meeting of the Imperial Council.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers then proceeded, nominations being made and a ballot had in each case, resulting in the election of the following Nobles:—

OFFICERS FOR 1894 AND 1895.

WILLIAM B. MELISH.....	Imperial Potentate
181 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.	
WAYLAND TRASK.....	Imperial Deputy Potentate
Brooklyn, N.Y.	
JOHN T. BRUSH.....	Imperial Chief Rabban
Indianapolis, Ind.	
CYRUS W. EATON.....	Imperial Asst. Rabban
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.	
ALBERT B. MCGAFFEY.....	Imperial High Priest and Prophet
Denver, Col.	
ETHELBERT F. ALLEN.....	Imperial Oriental Guide
Kansas City, Mo.	
WILLIAM S. BROWN.....	Imperial Treasurer
520 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	
BENJAMIN W. ROWELL.....	Imperial Recorder
28 School Street, Boston, Mass.	
THOMAS J. BISHOP.....	Imperial 1st Ceremonial Master
Greenbush Heights, N.Y.	
THADDEUS B. BEECHER.....	Imperial 2d Ceremonial Master
Bridgeport, Conn.	
WILLIAM H. S. WRIGHT.....	Imperial Marshal
St. Paul, Minn.	
JOHN H. ATWOOD.....	Imperial Captain of Guards
Leavenworth, Kansas.	
HORACE K. BLANCHARD.....	Imperial Outer Guard
Providence, R.I.	

THANKS.

Noble M. L. Buchwalter moved that the thanks of the Council be tendered the Tellers for their prompt and accurate work, which was agreed to unanimously.

INVITATION.

Imperial Recorder Luce read the following letter, received from the Colorado Mining Stock Exchange:—

DENVER, COL., July 23, 1894.

F. M. LUCE, Esq.,
Imperial Recorder Nobles Mystic Shrine,
 Brown Palace Hotel, City.

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in extending to yourself and the members of your most honorable Body a cordial invitation to attend our regular call on the Exchange. The trading is carried on between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 3 P.M., but the regular call for mining stocks occurs at 11.45 in the morning, and continues for about three-quarters of an hour. We would be glad to show you the beauties of our building, and I think you will no doubt be interested and amused at the antics of the brokers on the floor, provided the day happens to be a busy one. I hope, if possible, you will accept this invitation; for I know the members will feel highly honored if you can do so.

If I can be of any service to your most honorable Body, kindly command me in any way. I shall consider it a great honor if you will make use of my services in any way you see fit.

Yours very truly,

S. F. PARSONS,
Secretary.

By vote it was ordered that the invitation be accepted, with the thanks of the Imperial Council.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND
 PER DIEM.

The report of this Committee has been *mislaid* or *lost* by the official intrusted with its care. The following table of the amounts paid each Representative is obtained from the checks and bank-book stubs of Imperial Treasurer Joseph S. Wright.

On page 88 of these proceedings will be found the disposition made of the report on mileage and pay of Representatives by order of the Imperial Council.

NAME.	TEMPLE.	LOCATION.	Amount of Mhage Received.	Amount Per Diem Received.	Total Amount Received.
John H. Atwood.....	Abdallah.....	Leavenworth, Kan.....	\$32 00	\$20 00	\$52 00
Alfred B. Keller.....	Abdallah.....	Leavenworth, Kan.....	32 00	20 00	52 00
Dwight Byington.....	Abdallah.....	Leavenworth, Kan.....	32 00	20 00	52 00
Louis P. Ecker.....	Acca.....	Richmond, Va.....	90 00	20 00	110 00
George F. Hart.....	Affi.....	Tacoma, Wash.....	26 00	20 00	46 00
John Q. Adams.....	Ahmed.....	Marquette, Mich.....	81 06	20 00	101 06
Harry D. Wilson.....	Al Chymia.....	Memphis, Tenn.....	10 00	20 00	30 00
William E. Joseph.....	Aladdin.....	Columbus, O.....	79 62	20 00	99 62
James A. Fox.....	Aleppo.....	Boston, Mass.....	124 92	20 00	144 92
Benjamin W. Rowell.....	Aleppo.....	Boston, Mass.....	124 92	20 00	144 92
Caleb Saunders.....	Aleppo.....	Boston, Mass.....	124 92	20 00	144 92
Thomas Waterman.....	Aleppo.....	Boston, Mass.....	124 92	20 00	144 92
Richard Lockey.....	Algeria.....	Helena, Mont.....	.....	.....	.....
A. N. Sloan.....	Alhambra.....	Chattanooga, Tenn.....	60 00	20 00	80 00
Moses M. Hobart.....	Al Koran.....	Cleveland, O.....	62 00	20 00	82 00
Aldon G. Shearman.....	Al Koran.....	Cleveland, O.....	62 00	20 00	82 00
John J. Sullivan.....	Al Koran.....	Cleveland, O.....	62 00	20 00	82 00
Sam Briggs.....	Al Koran.....	Cleveland, O.....	81 66	20 00	101 66
Irving W. Pratt.....	Al Kader.....	Portland, Ore.....	74 00	20 00	94 00
C. E. De Camp.....	Al Malaikah.....	Los Angeles, Cal.....	62 00	20 00	82 00
Harrison Dingman.....	Almas.....	Washington, D.C.....	85 00	20 00	105 00
George H. Walker.....	Almas.....	Washington, D.C.....	85 00	20 00	105 00
James H. Wardle.....	Almas.....	Washington, D.C.....	85 00	20 00	105 00
John H. Wiles.....	Ararat.....	Kansas City, Mo.....	27 00	20 00	47 00
Ethelbert F. Allen.....	Ararat.....	Kansas City, Mo.....	27 00	20 00	47 00
Arnold Shanklin.....	Ararat.....	Kansas City, Mo.....	27 00	20 00	47 00
W. H. Brown.....	Ararat.....	Kansas City, Mo.....	27 00	20 00	47 00
Joseph H. Kuhns.....	Ballut Abyad.....	Albuquerque, N.M.....	10 00	.....	10 00
E. C. Bartholomew.....	Ben Hur.....	Austin, Tex.....	60 24	20 00	80 24
J. B. Schwatka.....	Boumi.....	Baltimore, Md.....	107 00	20 00	127 00
Thomas J. Bishop.....	Cyprus.....	Albany, N.Y.....	110 00	20 00	130 00
William H. Whiting.....	Damascus.....	Rochester, N.Y.....	98 04	20 00	118 04
A. B. McGaffey.....	El Jebel.....	Denver, Col.....	.....	20 00	20 00
W. W. Anderson.....	El Jebel.....	Denver, Col.....	.....	20 00	20 00
J. P. Barnes.....	El Jebel.....	Denver, Col.....	.....	20 00	20 00
W. B. Felker.....	El Jebel.....	Denver, Col.....	.....	20 00	20 00
Cyrus W. Eaton.....	El Kahir.....	Cedar Rapids, Ia.....	50 70	20 00	70 70
John W. Geiger.....	El Kahir.....	Cedar Rapids, Ia.....	50 70	20 00	70 70
Austin D. Brown.....	El Kahir.....	Cedar Rapids, Ia.....	50 70	20 00	70 70
Willis S. Gardner.....	El Kahir.....	Cedar Rapids, Ia.....	50 70	20 00	70 70
Arthur M. Grant.....	El Kalah.....	Salt Lake City, U.....	39 30	20 00	59 30
J. P. Morrow.....	El Riad.....	Sioux Falls, S.D.....	42 00	20 00	62 00
Park Davis.....	El Riad.....	Sioux Falls, S.D.....	42 00	20 00	62 00
F. W. Churchouse.....	El Katif.....	Spokane, Wash.....	82 00	20 00	102 00
Thomas Baker, Jr.....	El Zagal.....	Fargo, N.D.....	70 92	20 00	90 92
D. B. Waddell.....	Hama-a.....	Meridian, Miss.....	9 00	20 00	29 00
Joseph Swope.....	Hella.....	Dallas, Tex.....	12 66	20 00	32 66
L. M. Knephy.....	Hella.....	Dallas, Tex.....	12 66	20 00	32 66
James Garrity.....	Hella.....	Dallas, Tex.....	12 66	20 00	32 66
W. H. Winterbotham.....	Isis.....	Salina, Kan.....	27 30	20 00	47 30
Owen A. Bassett.....	Isis.....	Salina, Kan.....	27 30	20 00	47 30
Charles A. Miller.....	Isis.....	Salina, Kan.....	27 30	20 00	47 30
Charles L. Field.....	Islam.....	San Francisco, Cal.....	96 00	20 00	116 00
Charles W. Cushman.....	Ismailia.....	Buffalo, N.Y.....	47 25	20 00	67 25
Frank T. Gilbert.....	Ismailia.....	Buffalo, N.Y.....	47 25	20 00	67 25
George Brown.....	Ismailia.....	Buffalo, N.Y.....	47 25	20 00	67 25
Erasus C. Knight.....	Ismailia.....	Buffalo, N.Y.....	47 25	20 00	67 25
Richard Lambert.....	Jerusalem.....	New Orleans, La.....	68 00	20 00	88 00
Cyrus T. Darling.....	Kaaba.....	Davenport, Ia.....	33 00	20 00	53 00
C. E. Birchard.....	Kaaba.....	Davenport, Ia.....	33 00	20 00	53 00

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Chas. M. Waterman...	Kaaba.....	Davenport, Ia.....	\$33 00	\$20 00	\$53 00
John Hoyt.....	Kaaba.....	Davenport, Ia.....	33 00	20 00	53 00
Wayland Trask.....	Kismet.....	Brooklyn, N.Y.....	73 33	20 00	93 33
Frank T. Mason.....	Kismet.....	Brooklyn, N.Y.....	73 33	20 00	93 33
Clarence Stump.....	Kismet.....	Brooklyn, N.Y.....	73 33	20 00	93 33
George D. Babbitt.....	Kora.....	Lewiston, Me.....	76 00	20 00	96 00
William Ryan.....	Korsair.....	Louisville, Ky.....	42 00	20 00	62 00
Joseph S. Wright.....	Lu Lu.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	113 52	20 00	133 52
Fred Leibrandt.....	Lu Lu.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	113 52	20 00	133 52
Charles Cary.....	Lu Lu.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	113 52	20 00	133 52
Edward B. Jordan.....	Lu Lu.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	113 52	20 00	133 52
George W. Millar.....	Mecca.....	New York, N.Y.....	118 80	20 00	138 80
James McGee.....	Mecca.....	New York, N.Y.....	118 80	20 00	138 80
Joseph B. Eakins.....	Mecca.....	New York, N.Y.....	118 80	20 00	138 80
S. R. Ellison.....	Mecca.....	New York, N.Y.....	118 80	20 00	138 80
R. H. Huntington.....	Media.....	Watertown, N.Y.....	71 00	20 00	91 00
John S. Coon.....	Media.....	Watertown, N.Y.....	71 00	20 00	91 00
William M. Knight.....	Medinah.....	Chicago, Ill.....	63 72	20 00	83 72
R. M. Johnson.....	Medinah.....	Chicago, Ill.....	63 72	20 00	83 72
Frank M. Luce.....	Medinah.....	Chicago, Ill.....	63 72	20 00	83 72
L. W. Campbell.....	Medinah.....	Chicago, Ill.....	63 72	20 00	83 72
S. O. Spring.....	Mohammed.....	Peoria, Ill.....	54 54	20 00	74 54
Henry J. Ravold.....	Molla.....	St. Joseph, Mo.....	36 12	20 00	56 12
Otto F. Stifel.....	Moolah.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	48 00	20 00	68 00
William H. Mayo.....	Moolah.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	48 00	20 00	68 00
Benj. F. Nelson.....	Moolah.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	48 00	20 00	68 00
Irving E. Balrd.....	Morocco.....	Jacksonville, Fla.....	24 00	20 00	44 00
Charles F. Beck.....	Moslem.....	Detroit, Mich.....	80 82	20 00	100 82
Lou Burt.....	Moslem.....	Detroit, Mich.....	80 82	20 00	100 82
Ed. R. Harris.....	Moslem.....	Detroit, Mich.....	80 82	20 00	100 82
Hugh A. Holmes.....	Moslem.....	Detroit, Mich.....	80 82	20 00	100 82
Collins Blakely.....	Mt. Sinai.....	Montpelier, Vt.....	108 00	20 00	128 00
Joseph W. Smith.....	Murat.....	Indianapolis, Ind.....	67 86	20 00	87 86
Henry H. McGaffey.....	Murat.....	Indianapolis, Ind.....	67 86	20 00	87 86
D. J. Dickenson.....	Naja.....	Deadwood, N.D.....	14 00	20 00	34 00
John Horrocks.....	Oriental.....	Troy, N.Y.....	22 00	20 00	42 00
William Finder, Jr.....	Oriental.....	Troy, N.Y.....	22 00	20 00	42 00
Henry Schneider.....	Oriental.....	Troy, N.Y.....	22 00	20 00	42 00
John M. Birch.....	Osiris.....	Wheeling, W. Va.....	56 50	20 00	76 50
E. E. Baldwin.....	Osiris.....	Wheeling, W. Va.....	56 50	20 00	76 50
W. H. S. Wright.....	Osman.....	St. Paul, Minn.....	33 33	20 00	53 33
J. W. Chamberlain.....	Osman.....	St. Paul, Minn.....	33 33	20 00	53 33
O. W. Metcalf.....	Osman.....	St. Paul, Minn.....	33 33	20 00	53 33
Horace K. Blanchard.....	Palestine.....	Providence, R.I.....	123 48	20 00	143 48
Thad. B. Beecher.....	Pyramid.....	Bridgeport, Conn.....	68 50	20 00	88 50
Fred C. Whipple.....	Pyramid.....	Bridgeport, Conn.....	68 50	20 00	88 50
David R. Alling.....	Pyramid.....	Bridgeport, Conn.....	68 50	20 00	88 50
J. W. Knowlton.....	Pyramid.....	Bridgeport, Conn.....	68 50	20 00	88 50
Henry P. Keiser.....	Rajah.....	Reading, Pa.....	107 70	20 00	127 70
Henry A. Collins.....	Rameses.....	Toronto, Can.....	103 02	20 00	123 02
John T. Marsh.....	Sahara.....	Pine Bluff, Ark.....	36 00	20 00	56 00
William F. Beck.....	Salam.....	Olney, Ill.....	18 00	.....	18 00
Lou B. Winsor.....	Saladin.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	72 18	20 00	92 18
C. S. Robinson.....	Saladin.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	72 18	20 00	92 18
E. Shattuck.....	Saladin.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	72 18	20 00	92 18
Chas. E. Fink.....	Saladin.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	72 18	20 00	92 18
J. H. Mauritius.....	Sesostris.....	Lincoln, Neb.....	24 00	20 00	44 00
M. H. Garten.....	Sesostris.....	Lincoln, Neb.....	24 00	20 00	44 00
Thomas J. Hudson.....	Syria.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	89 58	20 00	109 58
William S. Brown.....	Syria.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	89 58	20 00	109 58

NAME.	TEMPLE.	LOCATION.	Amount of Mileage Received.	Amount Per Diem Received.	Total Amount Received.
James Kerr, Jr.....	Syria.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	\$89 58	\$20 00	\$109 58
A. V. Holmes.....	Syria.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	89 58	20 00	109 58
Levi C. Goodale.....	Syrian.....	Cincinnati, O.....	46 00	20 00	66 00
Jacob H. Bromwell....	Syrian.....	Cincinnati, O.....	46 00	20 00	66 00
M. L. Buchwalter.....	Syrian.....	Cincinnati, O.....	46 00	20 00	66 00
Allen Andrews.....	Syrian.....	Cincinnati, O.....	46 00	20 00	66 00
Wm. B. Melish.....	Syrian.....	Cincinnati, O.....	62 10	20 00	82 10
Henry C. Akin.....	Tangier.....	Omaha, Neb.....	34 14	20 00	54 14
James Gilbert.....	Tangier.....	Omaha, Neb.....	34 14	20 00	54 14
Henry Gibbon.....	Tangier.....	Omaha, Neb.....	34 14	20 00	54 14
M. A. Doran.....	Tripoli.....	Milwaukee, Wis.....	34 33	20 00	54 33
John Graham.....	Tripoli.....	Milwaukee, Wis.....	34 33	20 00	54 33
James J. Anderton....	Tripoli.....	Milwaukee, Wis.....	34 33	20 00	54 33
Augustus J. Camp....	Zamora.....	Birmingham, Ala.....	30 00	20 00	50 00
Frank J. Bassett.....	Zem Zem.....	Erie, Pa.....	89 28	20 00	109 28
John W. Boyle.....	Ziyara.....	Utica, N. Y.....	57 00	20 00	77 00
Noble F. Martin.....	Ziyara.....	Utica, N. Y.....	57 00	20 00	77 00
Joseph L. Dobbin.....	Zuhrah.....	Minneapolis, Minn....	45 00	20 00	65 00
John A. Schlener.....	Zuhrah.....	Minneapolis, Minn....	45 00	20 00	65 00
Joseph B. Hudson....	Zuhrah.....	Minneapolis, Minn....	45 00	20 00	65 00

On motion to adopt the report as read, was carried unanimously.

1.15 P.M. — RECESS.

A recess was at this time ordered until 2.10 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

JULY 25, 1894.

The Imperial Potentate called the Imperial Council to order at 2.10 P.M.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

Noble William M. Knight presented the report of the Committee on Dispensation and Charters, as follows:—

*To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council,
A. A. O. N. M. S.:*

Your Committee on Dispensations and Charters have carefully considered all matters brought before them and desire to present the following as their report:—

1. In the matter of the establishment of a Temple at Rockford, Ill., your Committee, upon the facts and papers presented, recommend the issuing of a dispensation under the name of Tebala, concurrent jurisdiction in the State of Illinois having been agreed to, as represented to the Committee, by Medinah, Mohammed, Salaam, and the proposed new Temple.

2. In the matter of establishment of a Temple at Wilkesbarre, Pa., your Committee recommend postponement of action until the next session of the Imperial Council, no individual appearing before your Committee, or any announcement that consent of the nearest Temple had been granted.

3. An application to establish a Temple at Charlotte, N.C., was also presented; and your Committee, after looking the matter over carefully, recommend that the same action be taken in reference to this application as in the case of Wilkesbarre, and for the same reasons.

An application for a dispensation at Charlestown, W. Va., was presented at the Nineteenth Annual Session of the Imperial Council; and it was decided that a postponement of action should be had until this session of the Imperial Council. Your Committee, after investigation, have decided to recommend that the matter be laid over until the next session of this Imperial Council.

4. In the matter of India Temple, of Oklahoma City, O.T., we recommend that a Charter be granted.

5. In the matter of the application of Ahmed Temple, at Marquette, Mich., now acting under dispensation, we recommend that a Charter be granted, with concurrent jurisdiction between Moslem, Saladin and Ahmed Temples.

6. In the matter of the application of Aladdin Temple, U.D., at Columbus, Ohio, for a Charter, we recommend that a Charter be granted.

7. In the matter of the application of Nobles at Ogden, Utah, for a dispensation for a Temple to be called "El Sid," the Committee recommend that in view of the condition of the times that for the present a dispensation be not granted.

WILLIAM M. KNIGHT,
WAYLAND TRASK,
JAMES MCGEE,
LOU B. WINSOR,
ALDON G. SHEARMAN,
Committee.

A motion that the report of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters be received and each paragraph taken up separately was, upon vote, carried. Whereupon the following action was had:—

1. Adopted.

2. Adopted.

3, 4, 5 and 6. Were adopted as read.

In regard to Paragraph 7,—on the recommendation of the Committee in the matter of the application from Ogden, Utah,—the courtesy of the floor was extended to the Nobles present residing in Ogden, to present their case.

Noble Emerson of Ogden made an earnest appeal, offering to make any concessions as to territory, etc.

A motion was made that a dispensation be granted the petitioners from Ogden, which, being duly seconded, a rising vote being called, it was ordered, and the motion was declared lost; and the recommendation of the Committee was then concurred in.

It was then, upon motion, voted to adopt the report of the Committee as a whole, which was done unanimously.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals then submitted the following:—

To the Imperial Potentate and Members of the Imperial Council:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals, for their report respectfully submit the following:—

1. In regard to the case of John P. McCord and the differences arising between Syria and Moslem Temples because of the admission into the Order of the said McCord by the latter Temple, your Committee finds: That said McCord at the time of his admission to Moslem Temple was not a resident within the jurisdiction of that Temple, and was resident within the jurisdiction of Syria Temple; that from the evidence before your Committee we cannot determine whether or not said McCord had sufficient knowledge of the laws of our Order to make it impossible for him to have acted in good faith when he made his application for membership into Moslem Temple; and in the absence of testimony on that point, your Committee, acting in the spirit of charity, find that he did act in good faith. Your Committee further find from the evidence before it that Moslem Temple acted in the utmost good faith in the premises and can in fairness be subjected to no criticism or censure in connection with this matter. As a means of adjusting this affair, your Committee recommends that Moslem Temple tender to Syria Temple the fees received by Moslem Temple as the result of admitting the said McCord as a member; that said McCord be directed to apply for a demit to Moslem Temple and then apply for membership in Syria Temple; and if within sixty days he fails to comply with this direction, that Moslem Temple be directed to cite him before it for the purpose of investigating the questionable method employed by him to obtain the Order of the Shrine.

2. In regard to the case of Noble Wm. P. Bennett and the difference arising between Syria and Kismet Temples, as a result of the reception of the said Bennett into the latter Temple, your Committee finds: That at the time of the making of the application of the said Bennett, he was not resident within the jurisdiction of Kismet Temple, and was resident within the jurisdiction of Syria Temple; that in making the application, the said Bennett did not act in good faith; that Noble Edward E. Blohm,

one of the Nobles who recommended said Bennett's admission, in so doing knowingly violated the laws of the Order. And your Committee, finding that Kismet Temple acted in good faith, recommend as an adjustment of this matter that Kismet Temple be directed to pay Syria Temple all the fees resulting from the reception of the said Bennett into Kismet Temple, and that said Bennett and said Blohm be cited before Kismet Temple, and if a trial results in findings similar to those made here by your Committee, that the severest punishment that can be meted out to said Blohm and Bennett. It being the intention of your Committee by this finding to uphold the action of the Imperial Potentate in these premises, and to confirm and recommend the approval of the report made by Noble Jordan, who was appointed by Imperial Potentate to investigate this matter.

Your Committee are further requested to bring before the Council a matter which, though it does not lie within the province of your Committee, is deemed by your Committee a proper matter to be presented to the Imperial Council; and the matter briefly stated is as follows: Noble P. F. Nishkian, a member of Ararat Temple and a citizen of the United States, though formerly a subject of the Sublime Porte, some time since sent a photograph of himself in Shrine costume to his parents, residing in Smyrna, Syria. The package containing it was opened by the Turkish authorities and the photograph was by them deemed sufficient evidence of treasonable conspiracy on the part of the sender and the sendees of the said package to warrant the arrest of the latter; and, as a result, the father, mother and brother of Noble Nishkian were seized and placed in the dungeon keep of some Turkish Bastile, where they were confined for some thirty days or more. Their release was finally obtained; but great injury was done to them and to their business. They were still looked upon as suspects and treated as such, and all communications between Nishkian and his people are forbidden and made impossible by the Turkish Government.

Since this is a matter resting between the Sultan and his subjects, your Committee does not deem it such a matter as could with propriety be interfered with by our Government; but Noble Nishkian desires, and your Committee deems his desire reasonable, to wit.: That a full statement of the matter be placed in the hands of the American Minister at Constantinople, with the request that he, as a Mason (and he is one) and not in his official capacity, bring the matter to the attention of the Sultan (who is also a Mason) with the request that the people of Noble Nishkian be removed from under the cloud of suspicion under which they now rest, and communication between him and them be permitted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. ATWOOD,
HENRY P. KEISER,
JULIUS W. KNOWLTON,
LEVI C. GOODALE,
E. C. BARTHOLOMEW,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received.

An amendment was offered that in the cases of Nobles Wm. P. Bennett and Edward C. Blohm, the punishment be left to Kismet Temple. The amendment, being duly seconded, was adopted.

In the case of Noble John P. McCord, a motion was made that the report be so amended that Moslem Temple be directed to pay all the fees and dues into the Imperial Council and to proceed in such way against Noble John P. McCord as they may deem best. The motion to amend the report was duly adopted.

The Imperial Potentate was instructed by vote to communicate with the representative of the American government in Turkey in reference to the Nishkian case, as recommended by the Committee.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, as amended, was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council :

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts report that they have carefully examined the books and accounts of the Imperial Treasurer, and find them correct: the cash balance now in his hands being \$11,766.26, he having proper vouchers for all funds received and disbursed.

We find upon examination that the Imperial Recorder has received the sum of \$15,054.45, and has paid the same to the Imperial Treasurer, for which he holds proper vouchers.

We also find that the Imperial Recorder has, in compliance with the vote of this Imperial Council (passed at its nineteenth annual session), procured a cash book of the pattern and method as ordered, and that he has also procured a ledger, and that the accounts with all the Temples are kept in the same.

We find that the appropriation made at the last session of the Imperial Council of \$1,000 to cover the expenses of the Imperial Potentate in the discharge of his official duties, has been drawn upon to the amount of \$900, leaving an unexpended balance in the Treasury of \$100.

We recommend that a contingent fund of \$1,000 be created, against which the Imperial Potentate may, in the usual manner, draw from the Imperial Treasury from time to time, to cover expenses in the discharge of his official duties.

We recommend that the salary of the Imperial Recorder for the coming year be fixed at \$1,500.00, subject to the same conditions as last year.

We recommend that 600 copies of the proceedings of the session be published and distributed in the usual manner.

We recommend that the stenographer serving at this session be paid for his services the sum of \$100.00, and that he be further paid the amount of his necessary expenses incurred on account of this session.

In compliance with the vote of the Imperial Council, we recommend that the sum of \$100.00 be appropriated for the purchase of the lithographic stone of Diplomas, held by a printer in St. Louis.

We further recommend that those members of the Ritual Committee who were in actual attendance at the meetings of the Committee be paid in addition to the regular mileage and *per diem* as voted by the Imperial Council the sum of \$10 per day for as many days as they were in attendance, not exceeding three days; and that Noble Walker be allowed the additional sum of \$60.00 for expenses of stenographer, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. CARY,
BENJAMIN W. ROWELL,
GEORGE W. MILLAR,
JOSEPH SWOPE,
CHARLES F. BECK,

Committee.

Noble William B. Melish moved that that portion of the report of the Committee relating to purchase of lithographic stone from St. Louis printer be stricken from the report, and that the balance of the report be adopted as read; and by unanimous vote it was so ordered.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MEMBERS.

The Committee on Deceased Members submitted the following:—

The Imperial Council in sorrow records the fact that the Black Camel has stopped again before the tent of the Official Divan, and the Dark Angel Azrael has summoned the Imperial Chief Rabban to enter the portals of the Unseen Temple. The memory of his virtues is sweet as the Attar of Roses and will endure as long as the everlasting hills.

The sympathy of the Imperial Council is extended to Aleppo Temple for the loss of one of its honored and cherished members.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. HILLER,

for the Committee.

The report was, upon motion, adopted as read.

It was, upon motion, unanimously resolved:—

That a portrait of the late Imperial Chief Rabban, Noble Frank Locke, appear in the printed proceedings of this session.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

To the Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine:

Your Committee on Ritual, after having given the subject earnest and careful consideration, beg leave to present the result of our labors to this Imperial Council, and request that this Imperial Body hear our report read by Noble George H. Walker, Secretary of this Committee.

Signed by the Committee.

Noble William Finder, Jr., moved that the hearing of the reading of the Ritual be limited to the actual membership of the Imperial Council, and the resolution was adopted.

Noble George H. Walker, Secretary of the Ritual Committee, then read the new Ritual in a very painstaking manner and to the general approval of all present. At the conclusion of the reading it was moved and seconded that the report of the Committee on Ritual be accepted and that the Ritual be adopted as the only lawful Ritual of the Order.

The motion was carried by unanimous vote, without debate.

Noble A. N. Sloan offered the following resolutions :—

Resolved, That it is the order of this Imperial Body that the new Ritual be prepared and promulgated as early as possible, and to this end be it

Resolved, That Noble George H. Walker be requested to prepare and have printed in cypher such a number of Rituals as this Imperial Body may designate; turning the entire edition over to the Imperial Recorder for distribution to the subordinate Temples under such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the Imperial Potentate.

Noble William B. Melish moved that the words "in cypher" be stricken out, and that the resolution as amended be adopted; and it was agreed to.

Noble William Ryan of Louisville, Ky., moved that for every copy of the Ritual returned a new one should be given.

The motion was not seconded.

Noble Melish called attention to the report of the Committee on mileage and *per diem* already adopted, and showed that the amounts credited to the various Temples were grossly inaccurate, some Temples being credited with their payments for the year 1893 and others with portions of the years 1893 and 1894.

Noble Melish claimed that the law of the Order specifies that each Temple shall report the amount of dues paid in each calendar year, and that the Imperial Council has always tabulated the amount against which the Temples may draw for the payment of mileage and *per diem* according to each calendar year; but that the Committee in their report had made up a fiscal year from June, 1893, to June, 1894, this being contrary to law, and that in some cases another fiscal year had been considered as a basis for making up the amount due certain Temples.

After considerable discussion of the matter, Noble Allen Andrews offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That inasmuch as the pay-roll has been made up, that the Representatives be paid according to the present pay-roll, and that the matter be referred to the Imperial Potentate and Imperial Recorder to ascertain the correct amount due to or from each Representative, with authority to adjust the matter on the basis of the receipts of the calendar year running from Dec. 31, 1892, to Dec. 31, 1893. The motion was duly seconded and adopted unanimously.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The Committee on Time and Place of Next Meeting reported that no invitation had been extended by Temples for the next Annual Session, and they could only offer the suggestion that the Imperial Council hold their Twenty-first Annual Session in Saratoga, N.Y.

After some discussion, Noble W. W. Anderson, of El Jebel Temple, Denver, Colorado, in a few well-chosen words, extended the freedom of Denver for the next Annual Session.

A motion was made by Noble E. R. Harris, that the Imperial Council fix the time and that a special Committee, of which the Imperial Potentate-elect shall be Chairman, shall be empowered by this Council to select a place for the meeting of the next Session of the Imperial Council: was duly seconded and carried.

Noble William B. Melish moved that the Twenty-first Annual Session of the Imperial Council be commenced on Sept. 2, 1895, which was unanimously agreed to.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

Noble John W. Boyle, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, announced that the report of his Committee was ready for consideration, that it was lengthy, and he asked the Imperial Council whether it should be considered section by section or as a whole.

On motion it was resolved that it be taken up section by section.

Noble Boyle then read the following report:—

DENVER, COL., July 25, 1894.

To the Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine:

Your Committee beg leave to make the following report, viz.:—

We assume the responsibility to call the attention of this Imperial Body to the fact that the numerous matters and the business brought to the consideration of this Body is increasing annually; that a large part of these matters are investigated and acted upon by your Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, and really demand more time than your Committee in a two days' session can devote to it, if it is expected that this Committee is to discharge the other duties of representatives. Many of the questions are important and have great bearing upon the perpetuity and welfare of the Order. We therefore recommend, that the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws shall be required to meet at least one day in advance of the meeting of the Imperial Council, and that at this meeting they shall be placed in possession of all papers and matters to be referred to said Committee which they can have, that due consideration and sufficient time may be given to the important business of the session.

[On motion the above recommendation was unanimously adopted as a standing resolution.]

We have examined with great care and patience all of the questions which have been referred to this Committee.

In the matter of the appeal of Noble A. C. Emerson and others from the decision of the Illustrious Potentate McDowell of El Kalah Temple, your Committee finds and reports that the appeal taken by Noble Emerson and others is well taken, and that the decision of the Imperial Potentate in sustaining the appeal is correct and should be approved by the Imperial Council.

[On motion the action of the Imperial Potentate was approved and the appeal of the Nobles sustained.]

In the matter of the two decisions made by the Imperial Potentate in answer to certain questions, viz.: 1. "If a Temple at any regular meeting held subsequent to the Annual Session of the Imperial Council in June, 1891, and prior to the Annual Session of said Council in August, 1892, elected Representatives for a term of more than one year, was such action legal?" His decision was that such action was illegal. 2. "Is it compulsory upon a Temple to elect its representatives to the Imperial Council annually?" His decision was that all subordinate Temples must elect its officers, as well as its representatives to the Imperial Council, annually.

As to each of the above decisions, your Committee reports that the determination made thereof by the Imperial Potentate is correct. — Article III., Section 2, Constitution: Proceedings of the Imperial Council, 1891, page 40.

[On motion, the decisions of the Imperial Potentate were approved.]

SUSPENSION OF EL RIAD TEMPLE.

In the matter of the suspension of El Riad Temple, your Committee finds and reports: That upon the facts and papers presented to the Imperial Potentate, he was clearly justified in suspending the Charter of El Riad Temple, and his decision in that regard is approved and confirmed.

From the documentary evidence in the possession of your Committee, it is perfectly clear that one of two motives actuated the officers of El Riad Temple at the time of their infringement of the jurisdiction of Tripoli Temple of Milwaukee, Wis., and El Kahir Temple of Cedar Rapids, Ia., viz.: Either a total indifference as to the consequences of their acts, or a total absence of knowledge of jurisdictional lines.

At a meeting of El Riad Temple on April 20, 1894, the petition of one Martin Berg, alleged residence Sioux Falls, S.D., and the petition of one J. T. Jacobson, alleged residence Rock Rapids, Ia., had been favorably acted upon by the Temple, and the two persons named presented themselves for the Orders. The form of petition used is fatally defective in

several particulars, and does not comply with the constitutional form of petition printed and circulated among subordinate Temples. C. H. Winsor, the Past Potentate of that Temple, served written notice upon the officers of the Temple prior to the conferring of the Orders upon the two persons named, to the effect that they were not residents within the jurisdiction of El Riad Temple. Some effort, it is claimed, was made by the Potentate and Recorder to ascertain what truth there was in the statement of non-residence, and subsequently it was determined to confer the Order upon Jacobson and Berg. On the face of Jacobson's petition he was a resident of the State of Iowa; and upon that showing alone could not, except by express waiver, be eligible for membership in a Temple located in South Dakota.

It appears to your Committee that the officers of El Riad Temple—to use the homely expression—took the law in their own hands, and committed a positive and wilful violation of the law appertaining to jurisdictional boundaries. It is claimed by the Illustrious Recorder and Illustrious Potentate of El Riad Temple that the action of Past Potentate Winsor, in preferring charges, was prompted by ill-will and malice; that he frequently violated jurisdictional boundaries of other Temples, and that, therefore, it was allowable and proper for them to do likewise. Assuming this to be true, it is poor reasoning and cannot be accepted as an intelligent excuse.

Your Committee, however, recommends that the charter of El Riad Temple be restored.

Your Committee also recommends that the Imperial Potentate publicly censure the Potentate, W. T. Doolittle, for his action in the matter; also Daniel S. Glidden, Recorder, and Frank Kunruth, the two Nobles who recommended for membership in their Temple J. T. Jacobson and Martin Berg, without in fact knowing the residence of either.

[Noble Park Davis moved, as a substitute, that the recommendation of the Committee, that the charter of El Riad Temple be restored to it, be approved and adopted, but that no censure should be given to the Nobles named in the report of the Committee. Noble Davis presented the facts of the case as they appear to El Riad Temple. After some discussion the substitute offered by Noble Park Davis was adopted.]

BY-LAWS.

There have been presented to your Committee several copies of by-laws of subordinate Temples, which have been examined; and we find that the by-laws of Kora Temple of Lewiston, Me., do not in any manner conflict with the regulations or statutes of the Order, and recommend their approval.

The by-laws of Ballut Abyad Temple, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, contain several provisions which seem to somewhat conflict with the provisions of the statutes. First, in reference to the time of installation of

officers. Installation is provided for at the same session at which they are elected, which is proper; or "as soon as practicable" after the election, which is not proper. The statutes require installation at the same or first succeeding session of the Temple.

The by-laws of Kaaba Temple, with the proposed amendments submitted to your Committee, we find to be in accord with the provisions of the statutes; and said by-laws, when amended as proposed, are approved.

There are certain propositions which we find in the by-laws of Saladin Temple of Grand Rapids, Mich., together with those of Ballut Abyad Temple of Albuquerque, N.M., and Medinah Temple of Chicago, Ill., which your Committee cannot recommend to be incorporated into the by-laws of any Temple and receive the sanction of the Imperial Council.

The first question referred to is found on page 22, Section 6, of the proposed by-laws of Saladin Temple of Grand Rapids, Mich., and reads as follows, viz.: "The expulsion or suspension of a Noble in his lodge, chapter, commandery or consistory, should cause his suspension or expulsion from the Temple. His reinstatement to his lodge, chapter, commandery or consistory, restores him to previous standing in his Temple." Practically, this same question is presented in the proposed by-laws of Medinah Temple of Chicago, in the following language, viz.: "The suspension or expulsion of a Knight Templar by his commandery, or a 32° A.A.S.R., by his consistory, shall, *ipso facto*, cause his suspension or expulsion from his Temple. His reinstatement to his commandery or consistory restores him to his previous standing in his Temple."

In the proposed by-laws of Ballut Abyad Temple of Albuquerque, N.M., the same question is presented in substantially the same language.

Your Committee reports that it cannot approve of the engrafting of a proposition of this kind into the by-laws of a subordinate Temple in this Imperial Jurisdiction. Section 4, Article XXX., of the statutes provides as follows: "An offence committed by a Noble which has caused his suspension or expulsion in any order, membership in which is a prerequisite to this Order, such suspension or expulsion must similarly affect his standing in his Temple."

Without attempting to construe the meaning of this language in its application to conditions, your Committee recommends that the language of Section 4, Article XXX., of the Constitution, be substituted for the provisions on this subject in the several by-laws referred to.

The other question referred to is presented in the proposed by-laws of Zem Zem Temple of Erie, Pa., and reads as follows: "Article II. When the name of any person eligible to receive the Order is proposed, the name or names of the person or persons so proposed shall be sent to each member by mail in a sealed envelope marked 'personal'; and

each member receiving such name shall, if he has objections to any person or persons proposed, erase the name of such person, sign his own name to the bottom of the list, and forward the same to the Recorder. If three such objections be not received by the Recorder within ten days after date of said list, the person or persons shall be entitled to receive the Order."

In the judgment of your Committee, this provision conflicts with several provisions of the Constitution—Articles XXIV. and XXV. Substantially this same provision is contained in the proposed by-laws of Mohammed Temple of Peoria, Ill., with this modification: "When the name of a candidate is proposed for initiation, a ballot shall be immediately taken on the question, 'Shall he be proposed?' If there be three negative ballots, no regular ballot shall be made. Should the ballot be clear, the petition would then be confirmed." The same question as to suspension and expulsion is presented by Section 20 of their proposed by-laws.

[On motion, the by-laws approved by the Committee were approved by the Imperial Council.]

[The recommendations of the Committee in regard to the by-laws which are not approved were concurred in and that portion of the report of the Committee adopted.]

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Your Committee has devoted much time and has endeavored to give careful consideration to the numerous amendments, as proposed, to the Constitution.

In a circular issued by the Imperial Potentate under date of June 6, 1894, there are thirteen proposed amendments to the Constitution. Your Committee is of the opinion that it is unwise, improper and dangerous to make annually numerous and radical changes in the Constitution of the Order. It tends to confusion, contention and danger.

It is proposed to amend Section 2, Article III., so as to read, "Each Temple shall annually elect by ballot." Your Committee recommends the adoption of this amendment.

[On motion, the amendment was adopted.]

It is proposed to amend Section 1, Article V., by adding the words "he" (meaning the Imperial Potentate) "may also censure or suspend Temples, or officers or members of Temples, for violation or disobedience of the Constitution and laws of the Imperial Council, said suspension to be in force until the next session of the Imperial Council." Your Committee disapproves of this amendment and recommends its rejection.

[On motion the amendment was rejected.]

It is proposed to amend Section 3, Article III., so as to read, "The number of membership by which the number of representatives shall be

determined shall be the membership of the Temple on the date of its annual meeting for the election of officers, in December of each year." Your Committee disapproves of this amendment and recommends its rejection.

[Noble Wm. B. Melish moved that the recommendation of the Committee be not concurred in, and that the amendment as offered be adopted. A rising vote was called for and had. The vote stood fifty-nine in favor of adopting the amendment, and twenty-eight against; and the Imperial Potentate announced the amendment as adopted by the necessary two-thirds vote.]

It is proposed to amend Article IX. by adding the words "he" (meaning the Imperial Treasurer) "shall receive for his services the sum of \$100 per annum." Your Committee approves and recommends the adoption of this amendment.

[On motion the amendment was adopted by an unanimous vote.]

It is proposed to amend Section 1, Article XI., by striking out the words "at least sixty days before the meeting," and insert "at the beginning of each session." Your Committee disapproves of this proposed amendment and recommends its rejection.

[On motion the amendment was rejected.]

It is proposed to amend Article II., Section 13, by striking out the words "in each State or Territory within the United States where two or more Temples of the Order exist, no charter or dispensation shall be granted, except by action of the Imperial Council." Your Committee disapproves of this proposed amendment and recommends its rejection.

[On motion the amendment was rejected.]

It is proposed to amend Section 7, Article XIII., by adding to the first clause of said section, "A Temple under dispensation is not entitled to representation in the Imperial Council." Your Committee approves of this proposed amendment and recommends its adoption.

[On motion the amendment was adopted.]

It is proposed to amend Article XIV., Section 1, so as to read, "provided also that Temples occupying the same State or Territory may agree upon concurrent jurisdiction within, or equitable division of their territory, should they so desire, provided also that the Imperial Council may declare concurrent jurisdiction or equitable division of the territory between all Temples in States where more than one Temple exists." Your Committee disapproves of this proposed amendment and recommends its rejection.

[On motion the amendment was rejected.]

It is proposed to amend Article XXIV. by adding, "Each application received shall be referred to a committee for investigation, and shall lie over until the next meeting of the Temple before ballot can be had upon

it; unless the Imperial Potentate grants a special dispensation to the Temple authorizing them to receive petitions and ballot upon them at the same meeting, in which event the members of the Temple must receive due and timely notice of said dispensation." Your Committee disapproves of this proposed amendment, and recommends its rejection.

[Noble W. B. Melish called attention to the fact that there is no authority in the law of the Order for an Imperial Potentate to grant a dispensation to act upon petitions at the same meeting at which they are received, and suggested that such power should be given. On his motion the amendment was made to read as follows:—

["To receive and ballot upon petitions at the same meeting, a Temple must apply for and receive a special dispensation from the Imperial Potentate authorizing them so to do, in which event the members of the Temple must receive due and timely notice of the election of candidates under said dispensation."]

[On motion the amendment, as offered by Noble Melish, was unanimously adopted.]

It is proposed to amend Section 1, Article XIV., by striking out all of the section commencing with "jurisdictional boundaries are determined," etc., and ending with "the latter line will constitute the jurisdictional boundary between the two Temples."

Your Committee disapproves of this proposed amendment and recommends its rejection.

[On motion, the amendment was rejected by an unanimous vote.]

It is proposed to amend Section 6, Article XXX., by striking out all of the section and putting in its place as follows: "Any member of a Temple may object to the presence in his (the objector's) Temple of any visiting member of the Order, should he desire to do so."

Your Committee approves of this amendment and recommends its adoption.

[On motion, the amendment was adopted.]

It is proposed to amend Article XXXII. so as to read, "Each Temple shall, by ballot, annually elect its officers and representative or representatives to the Imperial Council at a stated session to be held in December, and the installation of officers shall take place immediately, or at its first succeeding session. Should it be impossible to hold an election as required above, a special dispensation to hold such election must be obtained from the Imperial Potentate. In the event of the resignation of any officer or representative, the Temple may elect his successor without special dispensation for that purpose, provided notice is given all members of the Temple that such election will be held."

Your Committee approves of this proposed amendment and recommends its adoption.

[On motion, the amendment was adopted.]

It is proposed to amend Article XXXIII., by striking out "the 15th day of January" and inserting "the 1st day of May." Also by striking out "January 15th" and inserting "May 1st." Also by striking out "after three months' notice" and inserting "after 15 days' notice."

Your Committee disapproves of this proposed amendment and recommends its rejection.

[Noble Wm. B. Melish moved that the recommendation of the Committee be not concurred in, but that the amendment be adopted as offered.]

[Noble Melish showed that the time for Temples to make their annual returns under the present law was often from six to eight months before the date of the Annual Session of the Imperial Council, and suggested that the time be changed from December to May as suggested in the proposed amendment.]

[The motion to adopt the amendment as originally offered was carried by more than a two-thirds vote.]

INCORPORATION OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

In the opinion of your Committee, the action taken by Imperial Potentate Thomas J. Hudson, in procuring the incorporation of the Imperial Council, was a proper and wise thing to do, and your Committee reports that his action in this regard should be approved and confirmed.

The Act of Incorporation reads as follows:—

*An Act to incorporate the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order
Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America.*

The people of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:—

SECTION 1. That Thomas J. Hudson, Imperial Potentate, Frank M. Luce, Imperial Recorder, and Joseph S. Wright, Imperial Treasurer, Charles W. Cushman, Thomas J. Bishop, John W. Boyle and Joseph A. Eakins, Imperial Representatives, and their successors in office of the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, while holding said office and until their successors are elected and qualified, shall be, and the same are hereby forever declared to be a body politic and corporate by the name, style and description of "The Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America."

SECT. 2. Said Corporation by the name and style aforesaid shall have full power to sue and be sued, plead and implead, prosecute and defend in all actions in law or in equity, in all places where legal and equitable proceedings are had. The said corporation shall have power to make such constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations for its own government and the management of its concerns, and the government of

its subordinate temples, as shall be deemed advisable, and to alter and amend the same at pleasure; provided that such constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations, shall not conflict with the constitution and laws of this State and of the United States.

SECT. 3. That said corporation shall have the right to the exclusive use of the name of "The Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America"; and by said name and style shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding and conveying real and personal estate for the benefit of said corporation; to create a charity and educational fund, *provided* that said corporation shall not at any one time hold property, real, personal and mixed, a representative fund, a library fund, and an Imperial Council fund, to an amount exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

SECT. 4. That the several persons named in Section 1 of this act shall be the trustees of said corporation for the first year and until their successors are duly elected and qualified; and the first three officers of the Imperial Council, chosen at any election subsequent to the passage of this act, shall by virtue of their election and installation as such officers become trustees of the corporation, and shall continue as such trustees during their term of Imperial Council officers.

SECT. 5. In the management of its business concerns said corporation is hereby authorized to appoint such agents, officers, representatives and attorneys for that purpose as from time to time may be deemed proper.

SECT. 6. This act shall be deemed a public act, and shall be liberally construed by all courts for the benefit of the corporation for which it is created.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

In addition to the incorporation your Committee finds and reports that it was necessary to have prepared by-laws for the government and regulation of the Board of Trustees of the Imperial Council.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. BOYLE, *Chairman*,
CHAS. W. CUSHMAN,
JOS. W. SMITH,
THAD. B. BEECHER,
Committee.

I agree to all of this report excepting the articles of incorporation and by-laws of Board of Trustees, Imperial Council.

HARRISON DINGMAN.

The question being upon the adoption of that portion of the report of the Committee approving the action of the Imperial Potentate in the matter of incorporation and confirming it, considerable discussion ensued on the part of a number of the Representatives.

Noble Allen Andrews offered the following resolution : —

Resolved, That the entire subject of incorporation, as made by Imperial Potentate Hudson, be referred to a special committee of three, to be appointed by the Imperial Potentate at the time he appoints the regular standing committees, and that the committee so appointed take the matter under consideration and report to the Imperial Council at its next annual session, and that in the meantime this Imperial Council does not accept the Act of Incorporation reported by the Committee as the Charter of the Imperial Council.

The motion was duly seconded and adopted.

On motion the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, as amended, was then adopted as a whole.

PRESENTATION.

An immense floral fez was presented to the Imperial Potentate-elect by El Jebel Temple, at this time.

TESTIMONIAL.

It was moved and seconded that \$500.00 be paid to the Imperial Treasurer, Noble Joseph S. Wright, for his services as Imperial Treasurer for the past five years, which was ordered.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Imperial Potentate Thomas J. Hudson then called upon the newly-elected official Divan to present themselves at the altar for installation.

The roll was called, all being present with the exception of the Imperial Chief Rabban-elect. They were duly installed into office in ancient Arabic form, received jewels and assumed their several official stations.

TESTIMONIAL.

On motion of Noble James McGee, it was

Resolved, That a Past Imperial Potentate's jewel be purchased for the retiring Imperial Potentate: which was so ordered, unanimously.

The Imperial Potentate appointed as the Committee, Noble James McGee, Thaddeus B. Beecher and Edward B. Jordan.

THANKS.

On motion of Noble Levi C. Goodale, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote : —

Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of the Imperial Council are due to officers, committee and members of El Jebel Temple of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of the Oasis of Denver, Colorado, and to their ladies, and to the citizens of the city of Denver generally, for their warm welcome, magnificent hospitality and generous entertainment extended to the Imperial Council at this session.

Resolved, That we give them the parting words of an Arab, "Aleikum es Selamu" ("Peace be yours"), and that we hope that prosperity, good health and happiness may be among the blessings which Allah has in store for them.

POWER TO INSTALL.

Murat Temple Noble of the Mystic Shrine, of Indianapolis, Ind., was, on motion, instructed to install the Imperial Chief Rabban-elect, Noble John T. Brush.

TESTIMONIAL.

On motion of Noble Leonard W. Campbell, it was

Resolved, That the sum of \$250.00 be set aside for the purchase of a jewel for the retiring Imperial Recorder, Frank M. Luce.

No further business coming before the Imperial Council, the Imperial Potentate closed the Body in full ceremonial form.

RECORDS APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION.

This record of the Twentieth Annual Session of the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, is approved for publication this 25th day of July, 1894.

W. B. Melish

Imperial Potentate.



Attest:

Frank M. Luce

Imperial Recorder.

In Memoriam.
Sorrow! Sorrow!! Sorrow!!!

Illustrious Noble FRANK LOCKE,
Imperial Chief Rabban of the Imperial Council and Director of
Aleppo Temple since its Organization, and one
of its Charter Members.



Entered the Unseen Temple, Friday, April 6, 1894.

SINCERE IN HIS ACTIONS! HONEST IN HIS EXPRESSIONS!
FAITHFUL TO EVERY TRUST!
STEADFAST AND ABIDING WAS HIS FRIENDSHIP!
GENEROUS WAS HIS NATURE!

ENTERED THE UNSEEN TEMPLE.

NOBLE.	Date.	Temple.
CARPENTER, SHARON W.....	Jan. 12, 1893	ABDALLAH
STEVENS, ROBERT S.....	Feb. 23, "	"
THOMAS, JACOB A.....	Dec. 4, "	"
KLEIN, LUDWIG A.....	* — —	AFIFI
BAILEY, AMASA W.....	April 17, "	ALEPPO
COGGINS, EDWARD	Mch. 16, "	"
CROCKER, ALLEN.....	June 20, "	"
DURFEE, HORATIO N.....	Oct. 20, "	"
GILLETTE, GEORGE A.....	Jan. 15, "	"
HOSLEY, HENRY E.....	June 10, "	"
KRAMER, EUGENE.....	* — —	"
LAWRENCE, AMBROSE	April 23, "	"
MULNIX, JAMES E.....	Jan. 11, "	"
MERKEL, GOTTFRIED H.....	April 17, "	"
MATTHEWS, GEO. W.....	Aug. 15, "	"
KEAY, DAVID C.....	Nov. 17, "	"
PECK, LUCIUS T.....	April 10, "	"
PILLSBURY, THOMAS A.....	* — —	"
WALKER, EDWARD.....	May 30, "	"
RICHARDS, THOMAS L.....	* — —	ALGERIA
DRAKE, ROBERT M.....	May 12, "	AL CHYMIA
HETH, CHARLES E.....	Nov. —	"
TOWLER, WM. F.....	* — —	"
WILSON, WILLIAM R.....	Sept. 21, "	ALHAMBRA
TEACHOUT, HOWARD E.....	April 15, "	AL KORAN
HUNTINGTON, JOHN.....	Jan. 10, "	"
NEILSON, JAMES	May 24, "	"
POCOCK, ELI D.....	Dec. 15, "	"
SPENCER, CHAS. E.....	Dec. 25, "	AHMED
INGRAM, EDGAR.....	Sept. 26, "	"
WARD, FRANK K.....	April 6, "	ALMAS
LEACH, HAMILTON E.....	May 8, "	"
TURNER, JOHN H.....	June 12, "	"
WHITE, JAMES W.....	July 5, "	"
COOK, C. B.....	Oct. 12, "	ARARAT
RESERE, G. H.....	Oct. 2, "	"
McLAUGHLIN, W. G.....	Mch. 30, "	"
ROBINET, S. T.....	Sept. 19, "	"
ELLIOTT, WM.....	April 8, "	BEN HUR

* Date not reported.

NOBLE.	Date.	Temple.
BURKE, A. J.....	Jan. 30, 1893	BOUMI
CREIDLER, GEO. E.....	Mch. 27, "	"
FOX, CHARLES G.....	May 29, "	"
MARTIN, R. K.....	Nov. 24, "	"
SMITH, THEO. D.....	Mch. —	CYPRUS
CRABTREE, WILLIAM.....	June 5, "	DAMASCUS
BARBOUR, HENRY F.....	Sept. 14, "	"
JAMES, HARRY B.....	Aug. 4, "	"
BURTON, E. W.....	Jan. 3, "	EL JEBEL
AUX, GEORGE.....	Feb. 16, "	"
WATERS, J. H. E.....	May 9, "	"
DABNEY, CHAS.....	May 10, "	"
HARTFORD, JOHN F.....	Aug. 26, "	"
GIBSON, JOHN.....	Aug. 27, "	"
DILLON, C. H.....	Sept. 10, "	"
STEEL, NED.....	Nov. 11, "	"
ST. CLAIR, F. P.....	Nov. 15, "	"
WISNER, GEO. H.....	Jan. 11, "	EL KAHIR
CAMPBELL, RILEY W.....	Mch. 3, "	"
NICKSON, EDWARD D.....	Mch. 17, "	"
RISTINE, HENRY.....	April 25, "	"
HENDERSON, WM. P.....	May 22, "	"
PALMER, EDWARD C.....	Aug. 12, "	"
BAILEY, HENRY A.....	* — —	"
BOGGS, JAMES B.....	* — —	EL KALAH
GUNST, THOMAS.....	* — —	"
LOWE, JAMES.....	* — —	EL KATIF
COWELL, MARTIN.....	* — —	"
MICKEL, PHILIP D.....	* — —	"
McINTOSH, THOS. H.....	* — —	"
FENTON, CHAS. R.....	* — —	"
GRESHAM, ROBERT.....	* — — 1893	EL RIAD
FRY, CYRUS J.....	May 27, "	"
JONES, GEORGE B.....	May 28, "	"
BOWDLE, ALEX. M.....	June —	"
RICE, DWIGHT C.....	June 22, "	"
BENNETT, JOHN E.....	Dec. 31, "	"
CROWELL, E. M.....	June 30, "	HAMASA
DOUGLAS, A. S.....	June 5, "	HELLA
PICKERING, C. J.....	Nov. 26, "	"
SANDIFER, R. E. L.....	Apr. 27, "	"
LOMAX, S. W.....	Aug. 1, "	"
LEEPER, M. M.....	Sept. 5, "	"
RAMSEY, S. C.....	Mch. 25, "	ISIS
TEAGUE, M. D.....	Aug. 9, "	"

* Date not reported.

NOBLE.	Date.	Temple.
PORTE, GEO. W.....	Nov. 21, 1893	ISIS
WINTER, W. G.....	Dec. 24, 1892	ISLAM
WELLS, CHAS. H.....	Jan.* — 1893	"
KNIFE, THOMAS J.....	Jan.* —	"
SPAULDING, GEORGE.....	Jan. 27,	"
HUBBS, JOHN H.....	May 10,	"
HUNT, H. B.....	July 20,	"
CUMMINGS, H. A.....	Aug. 28,	"
STADTMULLER, F. D.....	Sept. 20,	"
COLEMAN, WM. H.....	Nov. 25,	"
WYMAN, WILLIAM H.....	Sept. 29,	ISMAILIA
HORNER, JOSEPH P.....	Jan. 24,	JERUSALEM
MCGINNIS, JOEL J.....	* — —	"
WALKER, JOSEPH A.....	June 24,	"
CRIPPS, THOMAS.....	Nov. —	"
BAILEY, J. V.....	Sept. 2,	KAABA
BLOOM, MOSES.....	June 14,	"
HASTINGS, FRANK S.....	Aug. 4,	"
HOUSEN, J. F.....	Jan. 20,	"
NORTON, J. W.....	July 7,	"
OTTO, MAX.....	March 14,	"
PORTER, C. L.....	Feb. 20,	"
SCOTT, A. L.....	Dec. 14,	"
SHARP, SAMUEL D.....	* — — 1890	KISMET
PALMER, NOYES G.....	Dec. — 1892	"
SMITH, F. B.....	Feb. 2, 1893	"
PONTIN, JOHN E.....	March 21,	"
HENRY, WILL J.....	July 30,	"
DE WOLF, THOMAS S.....	Sept. 2,	"
SHERLOCK, EDWARD J.....	Sept. 5,	"
MCGEOHAN, JOHN.....	* — —	"
ADAMS, FRANKLIN.....	Aug. 2,	KORA
BOWERS, CHARLES.....	May 31,	"
SIMONDS, GEO. T.....	April 29,	KOSAIR
GOFF, WILLIAM R.....	Aug. 11,	"
NIMMS, JOHN W.....	May 27, 1892	LU LU
FINDLAY, CASPER W.....	Jan. 4, 1893	"
WENDEL, JOHN.....	Jan. 6,	"
AUTEN, FREDERICK A.....	* — 29,	"
HENTZ, WILLIAM A.....	Feb. 4,	"
WOODRUFF, CHAS. H.....	* — 7,	"
SCHLEICHER, THEO.....	March 2,	"
TYRRELL, ALANSON B.....	April 1,	"
CLAY, MARCELLUS L.....	April 18,	"
HOLLINGSHEAD, CHAS. F.....	May 13,	"

*Date not reported.

Noble.	Date.	Temple.
MATTHEWS, ALFRED P.....	May 18, 1893	LU LU
REMICK, ENOCH.....	May 23, "	"
CAMPBELL, JOHN M.....	July 14, "	"
BUZARD, GRANT.....	July 17, "	"
BONELLI, BARTHOLOMEW E. S.....	July 29, "	"
LAUGHLIN, JOHN.....	Aug. 8, "	"
WEST, JAMES M.....	Sept. 8, "	"
LOWREY, CASPER F.....	Sept. 21, "	"
McMASTER, DAVID.....	Sept. 30, "	"
HALL, AUGUSTUS R.....	Oct. 7, "	"
GERSTER, GEORGE.....	Nov. 12, "	"
BAIRD, ROBERT.....	Dec. 5, "	"
SOLLERS, SABRITT D.....	Dec. 10, "	"
CRESSON, CHAS. M.....	Dec. 27, "	"
BOSLEY, GEORGE H.....	Dec. 3, 1892	MECCA
FITZWILSON, GEO. H.....	Jan. 13, 1893	"
MENZIES, HARRY D.....	Jan. 3, "	"
TAYLOR, ISAAC.....	Jan. 19, "	"
SWIFT, STEPHEN W.....	Feb. 28, "	"
DeGRAFF, WILLIAM H.....	Feb. 12, "	"
ULRICH, HENRY A.....	Mar. 11, "	"
LEVY, FREDERICK A.....	Mar. 21, "	"
VOGT, HENRY.....	Apr. 7, "	"
SORROGAN, JOSEPH J.....	Apr. 26, "	"
BRYNE, JAMES W.....	May 9, "	"
WINTERBOTTOM, JAMES E.....	May 30, "	"
BLISS, CHARLES E.....	May 23, "	"
TULLER, HORACE.....	May 27, "	"
MANCHESTER, FRANK N.....	Apr. 23, "	"
SWEASY, WILLIAM B.....	May 17, "	"
HYSLOP, ROBERT.....	June 21, "	"
SANDBURG, JOSEPH.....	July 11, "	"
DILL, JOSEPH L.....	July 16, "	"
BENJAMIN, PHILIP C.....	July 19, "	"
JOHNSON, CHARLES E.....	July 22, "	"
SIBLEY, WILLIAM H.....	Aug. 4, "	"
BENNET, WALTER E.....	Aug. 10, "	"
WALGROVE, GEORGE W.....	Aug. 17, "	"
FENN, ALFRED C.....	Aug. 22, "	"
WALSH, JOHN T.....	Sept. 19, "	"
MILLER, FRANC.....	Sept. 26, "	"
WESTERFIELD, JAMES A.....	Oct. 4, "	"
DEDERICH, ZACHARIAH.....	Oct. 19, "	"
MURRY, JAMES.....	Nov. 14, "	"
THOMAS, CHARLES W.....	Nov. 17, "	"

NOBLE.	Date.	Temple.
CARMODY, WM. T.....	Nov. 21, 1893	MECCA
POWE, GEORGE W.....	Nov. 20, "	"
ESTES, EDWARDS.....	Dec. 2, "	"
JOHNSTON, JAMES P.....	Sept. 20, "	MEDIA
HOARD, ALBERT G.....	Dec. 19, "	"
REYNOLDS, WILLIAM I.....	Dec. 21, 1892	MEDINAH
SWINBANK, WILLIAM.....	Sept. 2, "	"
KEEPERS, C. C.....	Feb. 1, 1893	"
REMINGTON, PAUL G.....	Feb. 23, "	"
STANTON, WILLIAM M.....	Mar. 1, "	"
SILLER, C. G.....	Mar. 7, "	"
GATES, J. S.....	May 1, "	"
REED, ROBERT.....	June 7, "	"
BARRETT, O. W.....	July 3, "	"
WHEELER, C. M.....	July 8, "	"
McAVOY, JOHN H.....	July 15, "	"
PHILLIPS, C. C.....	Aug. 2, "	"
TODD, E. H.....	June 26, "	"
LESLIE, C. E.....	Sept. 1, "	"
CHAFFEE, FRANCIS.....	Aug. 30, "	"
ANDERSON, JEROME.....	Sept. 1, "	"
MAXWELL, ALBERT.....	May 3, 1893	MOSLEM
FILLMORE, A. H.....	June 12, "	"
DEMILL, PETER E.....	June 27, "	"
BROWN, J. MURRY.....	July 26, "	"
TOPPING, IRA.....	Oct. 4, "	"
BURNES, CALVIN C.....	Nov. 20, "	MOILA
GEORGE, ABNER.....	April 16, "	"
PADBERG, EWALD.....	June 28, "	"
ANGLEN, GEO. T.....	July 24, "	MOOLAH
BLACKWELL, EDWARD R.....	June 25, "	MOUNT SINAI
WALL, DAVID.....	May 16, "	"
WALKER, JAMES F.....	May 21, "	"
CALDERWOOD, H. S.....	Aug. 3, "	"
WINK, NORMAN W.....	Nov. 3, "	"
SMITH, JEROME B.....	Nov. 16, "	"
BALDWIN, EDGAR J.....	March 25, "	MURAT
CARR, BRUCE.....	Feb. 14, "	"
DRAKE, MOSES C.....	Dec. 18, "	"
FLETCHER, JAMES L.....	June 15, "	"
KRAUSS, WILLIAM G.....	July 10, "	"
LAND, HORATIO N.....	Feb. 22, "	"
PETITT, WILLIAM F.....	Oct. 20, "	"
WRIGHT, CHARLES E.....	Feb. 22, "	"
WEBB, JAMES K.....	Dec. 19, "	"

NOBLE.	Date.	Temple.
ZOLLINGER, CHAS. A.	Dec. 27, 1893	MURAT
GRAHAM, ROBERT	July 3, "	NAJA
STILES, OSCAR F.	Feb. 14, "	ORIENTAL
SMITH, ALBERT	March 27, "	"
BILLINGS, GEO. H.	May 20, "	"
EDDY, WALDEN G.	June 7, "	"
ARMSTRONG, EDWARD S.	Aug. 5, "	"
SMART, JOSEPH W.	Aug. 24, "	"
WEED, HENRY L.	Oct. 9, "	"
SWEENEY, ANDREW J.	Feb. 14, "	OSIRIS
HUBBARD, J. F.	June 23, "	"
THOMPSON, D. S.	Sept. 19, "	"
WILLIAMS, JOHN L.	Nov. 20, "	"
MILLER, O. G.	May 30, "	OSMAN
MELLEN, W. S.	June 27, "	"
CARVER, HENRY L.	Aug. 8, "	"
IVES, HARRY C.	Sept. 1, "	"
COLLIER, O. F.	Dec. 5, "	"
CUSHING, G. W.	* — —	"
TRIPP, JOHN S., JR.	Feb. 21, "	PALESTINE
HEALEY, HENRY J.	Oct. 13, "	"
FULLER, GEORGE	Feb. 26, "	"
BRIGG, JOHN W.	Nov. 18, "	"
BELLOWS, GEORGE	Sept. 16, "	"
KEHRER, ERNEST B.	Feb. 13, "	PYRAMID
HYATT, JAMES W.	March 12, "	"
GORRIE, GEO. D.	March 16, "	"
HAWKINS, LYMAN H.	* — — 1892	"
BOHME, PAUL J.	April 4, 1893	"
STRONG, HORACE H.	July 27, "	"
WHITE, EDWARD L.	Aug. 5, "	"
SHERMAN, CHARLES H.	Oct. 1, "	"
WENTWORTH, SAMUEL C.	Nov. 27, "	"
WAGGNEAR, JAMES H.	Nov. 29, "	"
SHANNON, EDWARD W.	Dec. 25, "	"
NAGLE, HIESHER M.	Jan. 30, "	RAJAH
BERNHART, FRANK S.	Feb. 25, "	"
BRENEISER, HENRY D.	Dec. 4, "	"
SHAUNESSEY, JOHN	Dec. 11, "	RAMESES
BELL, MARCUS L.	Sept. 23, "	SAHARA
ROOTS, LOGAN H.	May 7, "	"
VINING, THOS. W.	Dec. 28, "	"
HASTINGS, H. F.	June 19, "	SALADIN
INNESS, WM. P.	Aug. 2, "	"
INGRAM, E. J.	Sept. 26, "	"

* Date not reported.

NOBLE.	Date.	Temple.
KNIGHT, W. W.....	Dec. 23, 1892	SALADIN
RANKIN, D. H.....	Mch. 8, 1893	"
SCHRODER, WM.....	July 10, "	"
SISSON, GEO. R.....	Oct. 13, "	"
BELL, WILLIAM.....	April 21, "	SYRIAN
HIBBERT, JOHN H.....	Oct. 21, "	"
TYRRELL, WM. P.....	May 3, "	"
WILTSEE, WM. P.....	July 30, "	"
HASLETT, GEO. W.....	* — —	SYRIA
RUTLEDGE, ALEX. B.....	* — —	"
COLLINS, JOHN K.....	* — —	"
FERRY, ROBERT A.....	* — —	"
ALLEN, EDWIN A.....	Jan. 8, "	TANGIER
CRUMB, HENRY C.....	Jan 13, "	"
COON, J. P. K.....	Feb. 24, "	TRIPOLI
SANFORD, ALBERT.....	Mch. 12, "	"
CRESSEY, WM. G.....	July 11, "	"
RUSK, JEREMIAH M.....	Nov. 21, "	"
HERRING, H. C.....	* — —	ZAMORA
PROWELL, E. M.....	July 1, "	"
WHEELER, GEO.....	Sept. 27, "	"
IVES, CHARLES.....	April 19, "	ZIYARA
WESTCOTT, FRED A.....	July 25, "	"
CLEVELAND, FRANK F.....	Nov. 20, "	ZEM ZEM
ATWOOD, JAMES H.....	Mch. 23, "	ZUHRAH
HOOKER, F.....	Sept. 11, "	"

* Date not reported.

STATES WITH TEMPLES.

JULY 24, 1894.

1. Alabama.....Zamora Temple
2. Arkansas.....Sahara Temple
3. California.....Al Malaikah and Islam Temples
4. Colorado.....El Jebel Temple
5. Connecticut.....Pyramid Temple
6. District of Columbia.....Almas Temple
7. Florida.....Morocco Temple
8. Georgia.....Yaarab Temple
9. Illinois.....Medinah, Salaam, Mohammed and Tebala Temples
10. Indiana.....Murat Temple
11. Iowa.....El Kahir and Kaaba Temples
12. Kansas.....Abdallah and Isis Temples
13. Kentucky.....Kosair Temple
14. Louisiana.....Jerusalem Temple
15. Maine.....Kora Temple
16. Maryland.....Boumi Temple
17. Massachusetts.....Aleppo Temple
18. Michigan.....Moslem, Saladin and Ahmed Temples
19. Minnesota.....Osman and Zuhrah Temples
20. Missouri.....Ararat, Moila and Moolah Temples
21. Mississippi.....Hamasa Temple
22. Montana.....Algeria Temple
23. Nebraska.....Sesostris and Tangier Temples
24. New Mexico.....Ballut Abyad Temple
25. New York..... { Cyprus, Damascus, Ismailia, Kismet, Media,
Mecca, Oriental and Ziyara Temples
26. North Dakota.....El Zagal Temple
27. Ohio.....Syrian, Al Koran and Aladdin Temples
28. Oklahoma.....India Temple
29. Oregon.....Al Kader Temple
30. Pennsylvania.....Syria, Lu Lu, Zem Zem and Rajah Temples
31. Rhode Island.....Palestine Temple
32. South Dakota.....Naja and El Riad Temples
33. Tennessee.....Al Chymia and Alhambra Temples
34. Texas.....Ben Hur and Hella Temples
35. Utah.....El Kalah Temple
36. Vermont.....Mount Sinai Temple
37. Virginia.....Acca Temple
38. Washington.....El Katif and Affi Temples
39. West Virginia.....Osiris Temple
40. Wisconsin.....Tripoli Temple
41. Canada.....Rameses Temple

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71. Gilbert, James.....City Hall, Omaha, Neb.
72. Gibbons, Henry.....Omaha, Neb.
73. Grant, Anthur M.....P.O. Box 485, Salt Lake City, Utah
74. Goodale, Levi C.....82 W. 3d St., Cincinnati, Ohio
75. Graves, Hiram T.....808 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal.
76. Guptill, Albert B.....Fargo, N.D.

77. Harris, Ed. R.....488 Third Ave., Detroit, Mich.
78. Horrocks, John.....Cohoes, N.Y.
79. Hart, Geo. F.....Tacoma, Wash.
80. Hawkins, R. O.....Indianapolis, Ind.
81. Hiller, Charles A.....Salina, Kan.
82. Hobart, Moses M..... Society Savings, Cleveland, Ohio
83. Holmes, Hugh A..... Detroit, Mich.
84. Holmes, A. V.....36 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.
85. Hoyt, John.....113 W. 3d St., Davenport, Iowa
86. Hudson, Thomas J.....P.O. Box 790, Pittsburgh, Pa.
87. Hudson, Joseph B.....Minneapolis, Minn.
88. Huntington, Richard.....Watertown, N.Y.
89. Johnson, R. M.....67 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.
90. Jordan, Edward B.....873 Union St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
91. Joseph, W. E.....Columbus, Ohio
92. Keiser, Henry P.....Reading, Pa.
93. Kerr, James, Jr.....Pittsburgh, Pa.
94. Knepfly, Lawrence M.....Dallas, Texas
95. Knight, Wm. M.....Briggs House, Chicago, Ill.
96. Knight, Erastus C.....121 Franklin St., Buffalo, N.Y.
97. Keller, Alfred B.....Leavenworth, Kan.
98. Kuhns, Joseph H.....Albuquerque, N.M.
99. Knowlton, Julius W.....Bridgeport, Conn.
100. Leach, D. D.....Oklahoma, O.T.
101. Lockey, Richard.....Helena, Texas
102. Lambert, Richard.....New Orleans, La.
103. Leibrandt, Frederick.....825 No. 7th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
104. Luce, Frank M.....167 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.
105. Martin, Noble F.....Utica, N.Y.
106. Maus, Frank G.....Erie, Pa.
107. McGaffey, Albert B.....Court House, Denver, Col.
108. McGaffey, Henry H.....Indianapolis, Ind.
109. McGee, James.....64 Duane St., New York, N.Y.
110. Mayo, William H.....Masonic Hall, St. Louis, Mo.
111. Marsh, John T.....Pine Bluff, Ark.
112. Mauritius, John H.....Lincoln, Neb.
113. Millar, George W.....64 Duane St., New York, N.Y.
114. Nelson, Benj. F.....Odd Fellows Building, St. Louis, Mo.
115. Pratt, Irving W.....69 S. 1st St., Portland, Ore.
116. Ravold, Henry J.....518 Francis St., St. Joseph, Mo.
117. Robinson, Chas. S.....Grand Rapids, Mich.
118. Rogers, John S.....Providence, R.I.
119. Rowell, Benjamin W.....28 School St., Boston, Mass.
120. Ryan, William.....610 E. Broadway, Louisville, Ky.
121. Saunders, Caleb.....Lawrence, Mass.

122. Schneider, Henry Troy, N.Y.
123. Shearman, A. G. Cleveland, O.
124. Shanklin, Arnold 23 Armour's Block, Kansas City, Mo.
125. Sloan, A. N. Chattanooga, Tenn.
126. Schlener, John A. Minneapolis, Minn.
127. Spring, S. O. 114 Liberty St., Peoria, Ill.
128. Smith, Joseph W. 4 Ingall's Block, Indianapolis, Ind.
129. Starr, George W. 960 N. Howard St., Baltimore, Md.
130. Stifel, Otto F. St. Louis, Mo.
131. Stone, Clarence E. St. Paul, Minn.
132. Stockdell, H. C. P.O. Box 473, Atlanta, Ga.
133. Stump, Clarence E. 316 Sumner Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.
134. Sullivan, John J. Warren, Ohio
135. Swope, Joseph. Dallas, Texas
136. Schwatka, J. B. Baltimore, Md.
137. Trask, Wayland 18 Wall St., New York
138. Waterman, Chas. M. Davenport, Iowa
139. Waterman, Thomas. Hotel Ikley, Boston, Mass.
140. Waddell, D. B. Meridian, Miss.
141. Walker, George H. P.O. Box 22, Washington, D.C.
142. Winsor, Curtis H. Sioux Falls, S.D.
143. Winterbotham, Wm. H. Salina, Kan.
144. Wardle, James H. Census Office, Washington, D.C.
145. Wiles, John H., 9th and Santa Fé Sts., Station A, Kansas City, Mo.
146. Whitney, Wm. H. Rochester, N.Y.
147. Whipple, F. C. Bridgeport, Conn.
148. Winsor, Lou B. Reed City, Mich.
149. Wright, Joseph S. 1219 Filbert St., Philadelphia, Pa.
150. Wright, Wm. H. S. St. Paul, Minn.

TEMPLES UNDER THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

OFFICERS FOR 1894.

1.—ABDALLAH TEMPLE, LEAVENWORTH, KAN.

John H. Atwood (400 Delaware St.).....Potentate
 Dwight Byington (418 Pine St.)Recorder
 Founded March 28, 1887.—Number of Members, 412.

2.—ACCA TEMPLE, RICHMOND, VA.

George L. Street.....Potentate
 Wm. H. CreerRecorder
 Founded June 9, 1886.—Number of Members, 205.

3.—AFIFI TEMPLE, TACOMA, WASH.

Trusten P. Dyer.....Potentate
 J. M. Morrison (P.O. Box 963, Tacoma).....Recorder
 Founded Aug. 1, 1888.—Number of Members, 175.

4.—AHMED TEMPLE, MARQUETTE, MICH.

John Q. Adams.....Potentate
 S. G. Brown.....Recorder
 Charter granted July 25, 1894.—Number of Members, 89.

5.—ALADDIN TEMPLE, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

John P. McCune.....Potentate
 W. E. Joseph, care of Patton Mfg. Co.....Recorder
 Charter granted July 25, 1894.—Number of Members, 110.

6.—ALEPPO TEMPLE, BOSTON, MASS.

Caleb Saunders (Lawrence, Mass.)Potentate
 Benjamin W. Rowell (28 School St.).....Recorder
 Founded June 23, 1882.—Number of Members, 2,312.

7.—ALGERIA TEMPLE, HELENA, MONT.

Richard Lockey (Helena).....Potentate
 George Booker (P.O. Box 333).....Recorder
 Founded March 23, 1888.—Number of Members, 234.

8.—ALHAMBRA TEMPLE, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

A. N. Sloan Potentate
 William W. Simpson (Mountain City Club Bldg.) Recorder
 Founded Sept. 7, 1889. — Number of Members, 147.

9.—AL CHYMIA TEMPLE, MEMPHIS, TENN.

Thomas J. Graham Potentate
 John D. Huhn (16 Masonic Temple) Recorder
 Founded April 23, 1891. — Number of Members, 98.

10.—AL KADER TEMPLE, PORTLAND, ORE.

Irving W. Pratt (69 S. 1st St.) Potentate
 B. G. Whitehouse (100 3d St.) Recorder
 Founded Jan. 3, 1888. — Number of Members, 158.

11.—AL KORAN TEMPLE, CLEVELAND, OHIO.

Sam Briggs (48 Cedar Ave.) Potentate
 Sam Briggs (48 Cedar Ave.) Recorder
 Founded Nov. 16, 1876. — Number of Members, 581.

12.—AL MALAIKAH TEMPLE, LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Florin L. Jones Potentate
 David E. Barclay (care County Assessor) Recorder
 Founded Feb. 6, 1888. — Number of Members, 276.

13.—ALMAS TEMPLE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Harrison Dingman Potentate
 George H. Walker (P.O. Box 22) Recorder
 Founded Jan. 7, 1886. — Number of Members, 580.

14.—ARARAT TEMPLE, KANSAS CITY, MO.

John H. Wiles (316 W. 6th St.) Potentate
 Arnold Shanklin (24 Wales Bldg.) Recorder
 Founded Dec. 1, 1887. — Number of Members, 607.

15.—BALLUT ABYAD TEMPLE, ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

John L. Andrews Potentate
 Alexander Stevens Recorder
 Founded June 11, 1887. — Number of Members, 60.

16.—BEN HUR TEMPLE, AUSTIN, TEX.

W. H. Bell Potentate
 E. C. Bartholomew (5 Masonic Temple) Recorder
 Founded June 2, 1891. — Number of Members, 162.

17.—BOUMI TEMPLE, BALTIMORE, MD.

George W. Starr (960 N. Howard St.) Potentate
 D. F. Pennington Recorder
 Founded March 31, 1884. — Number of Members, 353.

18.—CYPRUS TEMPLE, ALBANY, N.Y.

Thomas J. Bishop (Greenbush Heights, Rensselaer Co.).....Potentate
 William E. Fitch (328 S. Pearl St.).....Recorder
 Founded Feb. 2, 1877.—Number of Members, 310.

19.—DAMASCUS TEMPLE, ROCHESTER, N.Y.

Geo. F. Loder (P.O. Box 937)Potentate
 Robert W. West.....Recorder
 Founded Jan. 4, 1875.—Number of Members, 515.

20.—EL JEBEL TEMPLE, DENVER, COL.

William W. Anderson.....Potentate
 Alonzo F. Vick Roy (P.O. Box 1084).....Recorder
 Founded Dec. 1, 1887.—Number of Members, 701.

21 — EL KALAH TEMPLE, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

Samuel McDowall.....Potentate
 G. S. Clark (P.O. Box 509)Recorder
 Founded June 26, 1890.—Number of Members, 140.

22.—EL KAHIR TEMPLE, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

Cyrus W. Eaton (19 Second Ave.)Potentate
 George W. Bever (City National Bank).....Recorder
 Founded Feb. 9, 1886.—Number of Members, 1,024.

23.—EL KATIF TEMPLE, SPOKANE, WASH.

Nathan B. RundlePotentate
 John H. ShawRecorder
 Founded June 26, 1890.—Number of Members, 131.

24 — EL RIAD TEMPLE, SIOUX FALLS, S.D.

William T. DoolittlePotentate
 Daniel S. Glidden.....Recorder
 Founded April 2, 1888.—Number of Members, 387.

25.—EL ZAGAL TEMPLE, FARGO, N.D.

Frank J. Thompson.....Potentate
 Joel O. Jewett (4 Masonic Bldg.)Recorder
 Founded Nov. 29, 1889.—Number of Members, 222.

26.—HAMASA TEMPLE, MERIDIAN, MISS.

O. A. Harrison.....Potentate
 H. C. Smith.....Recorder
 Founded May 26, 1892.—Number of Members, 39.

27.—HELLA TEMPLE, DALLAS, TEX.

Thomas M. Hunt.....Potentate
 Wm. W. Manning (233 Main St.)Recorder
 Founded May 31, 1887.—Number of Members, 482.

28.—INDIA TEMPLE, OKLAHOMA, O.T.

H. T. Smith.....Potentate
 Frank Harrah.....Recorder

Charter granted July 25, 1894.—Number of Members, 47.

29.—ISIS TEMPLE, SALINA, KAN.

Leroy O. Wight.....Potentate
 Alex. Berg.....Recorder

Founded March 30, 1887.—Number of Members, 474.

30.—ISLAM TEMPLE, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

B. P. Flint.....Potentate
 Victor D. Duboce (Mill's Build'g).....Recorder

Founded March 6, 1883.—Number of Members, 579.

31.—ISMAILIA TEMPLE, BUFFALO, N.Y.

Charles W. Cushman (35 Chapin Block).....Potentate
 Erastus C. Knight (121 Franklin St.).....Recorder

Founded March 5, 1887.—Number of Members, 620.

32.—JERUSALEM TEMPLE, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Charles F. Buck (P.O. Box 81).....Potentate
 Richard Lambert (P.O. Box 81).....Recorder

Founded March 30, 1885.—Number of Members, 112.

33.—KAABA TEMPLE, DAVENPORT, IOWA.

George F. White, 127 W. 13th St.....Potentate
 Cornelius J. Brown (306 E. 8th St.).....Recorder

Founded (as Pyramid Temple) July 1, 1878.—Number of Members, 618.

34.—KISMET TEMPLE, BROOKLYN, N.Y.

Wayland Trask, 18 Wall St., N.Y.....Potentate
 John D. Acker, 192 Schermerhorn St.....Recorder

Founded July 2, 1887.—Number of Members, 479.

35.—KORA TEMPLE, LEWISTON, ME.

Charles E. Libby.....Potentate
 W. Chandler Bearce (Auburn, Me.).....Recorder

Founded Dec. 14, 1891.—Number of Members, 140.

36.—KOSAIR TEMPLE, LOUISVILLE, KY.

John A. Stratton (310 5th St.).....Potentate
 Will E. Ryan (Custom House).....Recorder

Founded Nov. 3, 1884.—Number of Members, 186.

37.—LU LU TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Joseph S. Wright (1219 Filbert St.).....Potentate
 Charles Cary (425 Walnut St.).....Recorder

Founded Dec. 31, 1883.—Number of Members, 2,197.

38.—MECCA TEMPLE, NEW YORK.

Augustus W. Peters (60 Broadway).....Potentate
Saram R. Ellison (266 W. 43d St.).....Recorder
Founded Sept. 26, 1872.—Number of Members, 2,204.

39.—MEDINAH TEMPLE, CHICAGO, ILL.

William M. Knight (Briggs House).....Potentate
William Johnston.....Recorder
Founded Oct. 30, 1882.—Number of Members, 1,907.

40.—MEDIA TEMPLE, WATERTOWN, N.Y.

Danford G. Eggleston (20 Academy St.).....Potentate
John S. Coon (4 Benedict St.).....Recorder
Founded March 19, 1881.—Number of Members, 315.

41.—MOHAMMED TEMPLE, PEORIA, ILL.

Sylvester O. Spring.....Potentate
William W. Wallace.....Recorder
Charter granted June 14, 1893.—Number of Members, 93.

42.—MOILA TEMPLE, ST. JOSEPH, MO.

Wm. M. Shepard.....Potentate
A. M. Worden (7th and Olive Sts.).....Recorder
Founded Dec. 1, 1887.—Number of Members, 168.

43.—MOOLAH TEMPLE, ST. LOUIS, MO.

Otto F. Stifel (St. Louis).....Potentate
A. Moore Berry (108 No. 4th St.).....Recorder
Founded April 26, 1886.—Number of Members, 455.

44.—MOROCCO TEMPLE, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Bingham H. Chadwick.....Potentate
Charles A. Clark.....Recorder
Founded March 28, 1888.—Number of Members, 43.

45.—MOSLEM TEMPLE, DETROIT, MICH.

Fred. Fayram.....Potentate
William M. Bailey (29 Miami Ave.).....Recorder
Founded June 2, 1880.—Number of Members, 834.

46.—MOUNT SINAI TEMPLE, MONTPELIER, VT.

Edwin O. Hibbard.....Potentate
Charles H. Heaton (Lock Box 255).....Recorder
Founded Oct. 31, 1876.—Number of Members, 295.

47.—MURAT TEMPLE, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

John T. Brush (Room 30, When Block).....Potentate
Joseph W. Smith (4 Ingalls Block).....Recorder
Founded March 13, 1884.—Number of Members, 613.

48. — NAJA TEMPLE, DEADWOOD, S.D.

Wm. J. McMakin (Terraville) Potentate

B. F. Aukeny Recorder

Founded Aug. 16, 1892. — Number of Members, 76.

49. — ORIENTAL TEMPLE, TROY, N.Y.

Henry Stowell (5 Cannon Pl.) Potentate

William Pettis (273 River St.) Recorder

Founded Feb. 6, 1877. — Number of Members, 506.

50. — OSIRIS TEMPLE, WHEELING, W.VA.

Frank E. McCoy Potentate

E. C. Schoen Recorder

Founded July 22, 1886. — Number of Members, 343.

51. — OSMAN TEMPLE, ST. PAUL, MINN.

Clarence E. Stone (162 E. 3d St.) Potentate

Chas. S. Bunker Recorder

Founded June 20, 1885 — Number of Members, 519.

52. — PALESTINE TEMPLE, PROVIDENCE, R.I.

George L. Shepley Potentate

Edwin Baker (70 Weybosset St.) Recorder

Founded Jan. 28, 1886. — Number of Members, 530.

53. — PYRAMID TEMPLE, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

Julius W. Knowlton Potentate

E. Stewart Sumner (45 Wal St.) Recorder

Founded April 18, 1877. — Number of Members, 932.

54. — RAJAH TEMPLE, READING, PA.

George E. Haak Potentate

Philip Bissinger (611 Penn St) Recorder

Founded Aug. 16, 1892. — Number of Members, 206.

55. — RAMESES TEMPLE, TORONTO, CANADA.

Henry A. Collins (30 Melinda St.) Potentate

Arthur A. S. Ardagh (55 Yonge St.) Recorder

Founded April 12, 1887. — Number of Members, 132.

56. — SAHARA TEMPLE, PINE BLUFF, ARK.

John T. Marsh Potentate

A. B. Grace Recorder

Founded April 16, 1889. — Number of Members, 126.

57. — SALAAM TEMPLE, OLNEY, ILL.

William F. Beck Potentate

N. S. Marshall Recorder

Founded Jan. 1, 1884. — Number of members, 50.

58. — SALADIN TEMPLE, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

Lou B. Winsor (Reed City)..... Potentate
 C. E. Fink (Grand Rapids) Recorder
 Founded April 17, 1886. — Number of Members, 657.

59. — SESOSTRIS TEMPLE, LINCOLN, NEB.

John H. Mauritius..... Potentate
 Frank M. Glenn (8 Union Depot) Recorder
 Founded June 22, 1887. — Number of Members, 390.

60. — SYRIA TEMPLE, PITTSBURGH, PA.

Thomas J. Hudson (P.O. Box 790)..... Potentate
 Frank A. Kingsley (400 Wood St.)..... Recorder
 Founded May 19, 1877. — Number of Members, 888.

61. — SYRIAN TEMPLE, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

William B. Melish (181 Walnut St.)..... Potentate
 Edward C. Harding (P.O. Box 257)..... Recorder
 Founded Nov. 6, 1876. — Number of Members, 1,007.

62. — TEBALA TEMPLE, U.D., ROCKFORD, ILL.

DISPENSATION GRANTED JULY 25, 1894.

Geo. R. Atkinson..... Potentate
 ——— Recorder

63. — TANGIER TEMPLE, OMAHA, NEB.

L. M. Anderson..... Potentate
 F. E. Winning (P.O. Box 523)..... Recorder
 Founded April 15, 1889. — Number of Members, 512.

64. — TRIPOLI TEMPLE, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Eugene S. Elliott (80 Wisconsin Street)..... Potentate
 Benjamin F. Leuzarder. Recorder
 Founded March 9, 1885. — Number of Members, 430.

65. — YAARAB TEMPLE, ATLANTA, GA.

H. C. Stockdell (P.O. Box 473)..... Potentate
 Jno. R. Wilkinson Recorder
 Founded Nov. 26, 1889. — Number of Members, 183.

66. — ZAMORA TEMPLE, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

Russell M. Cunningham..... Potentate
 Ben M. Jacobs (2011 First Ave.)..... Recorder
 Founded Nov. 10, 1890. — Number of Members, 79.

67. — ZEM ZEM TEMPLE, ERIE, PA.

Frank G. Maus..... Potentate
 Frank J. Bassett (P.O. Box 645)..... Recorder
 Founded Dec. 22, 1891. — Number of Members, 177.

68.— ZIYARA TEMPLE, UTICA, N.Y.

John W. Boyle (30 Arcade).....Potentate

Jacob Scheehl (9 Brinkerhoff Ave.).....Recorder

Founded Oct. 30, 1877. — Number of Members, 499.

69.— ZUHRAH TEMPLE, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

John L. Dobbin.....Potentate

H. M. Myers (704 Masonic Temple).....Recorder

Founded July 25, 1885. — Number of members, 421.

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Constitution of the Imperial Council

OF THE

... ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER ...

OF THE

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

FOR

NORTH AMERICA.

Revised to
July 20, 1893.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND POWER.

SECTION 1.—This body shall be known by the name, style, and title
of

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL

OF THE

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE
MYSTIC SHRINE

FOR

NORTH AMERICA.

SECTION 2.—It has power to enact Laws, Statutes, and Regulations for the government of the whole Order; to issue Edicts; to amend or repeal the same; to grant Dispensations and Charters for holding Temples of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine within its jurisdiction; and to amend or revoke the same. Its authority also extends to such Temples as may be organized under its dispensations or charters in foreign countries.

SECTION 3.—It has the exclusive right to control all the subordinate Temples of the Order within its jurisdiction. It may censure, suspend and erase Temples; and try, discipline, suspend, or expel its members for violation and disobedience of its Constitution, Regulations, and Edicts.

SECTION 4.—It is the body to which all final appeals shall be made on all matters of importance emanating from subordinate Temples.

SECTION 5.—This Imperial Council being a legislative body, acknowledging no superior, permits an appeal to be taken by any Representative from the decision of the chair on any question under consideration therein: *Provided*, however, that such appeal shall not be sustained unless two-thirds of all the Representatives present shall vote therefor.

ARTICLE II.

SESSIONS.

SECTION 1.—The Imperial Council shall meet annually, at such time and place as shall have been determined by a majority of the Representatives at the previous session.

SECTION 2.—Special sessions may be called by the Imperial Potentate in any emergency, at any time and place in his discretion, or, when requested by seven Representatives to this Imperial Council, five of whom shall be members of separate Temples, it shall be his duty so to do; due notice to be given to each subordinate Temple and to each Representative to the Imperial Council, stating the business to be considered; and no other business than that specified in the call or summons shall be transacted.

SECTION 3.—All sessions shall be opened in full and ample form.

SECTION 4.—Seven Representatives, five of whom shall be Representatives of separate Temples, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 5.—At every session, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes (except alterations of this constitution, as herein provided), the presiding officer not being entitled to a vote except in case the vote is equally divided, when he shall have the casting vote.

SECTION 6.—At each session, when the Imperial Potentate shall have called the Imperial Council to order, the Committee on Credentials shall immediately determine as to the credentials of the Representatives.

SECTION 7.—Notices of sessions of the Imperial Council shall be issued at least 30 days prior to such sessions.

ARTICLE III.

REPRESENTATIVES.

SECTION 1.—Representation in the Imperial Council shall be apportioned as follows: To every Temple working by authority of a charter granted by this Imperial Council there shall be one Representative, who must be a member of the Temple electing him. Each Temple shall be entitled to two Representatives when its membership reaches three hundred, three Representatives when its membership reaches four hundred, and four Representatives when its membership reaches six hundred, but no Temple shall be allowed more than four Representatives.

SECTION 2.—The Representatives shall be chosen as follows: Each

Temple shall elect by ballot such Representative or Representatives as it shall be entitled to, and a certified record of such election shall be forwarded to the Imperial Recorder, which credential shall be countersigned by the Recorder of the subordinate Temple, who shall also affix the seal of his Temple thereto.

SECTION 3.—The number of membership by which the number of Representatives shall be determined, shall be such number as shall have been returned to the Imperial Recorder in the last annual returns prior to the annual session of the Imperial Council.

SECTION 4.—Any Representative of the Imperial Council who shall remove and reside permanently out of its jurisdiction, be suspended or expelled by a subordinate Temple, or found guilty of a criminal offense, shall thereby have vacated his office.

SECTION 5.—All Past Imperial Potentates shall be Representatives *ad vitam*. The Imperial Council may, at its pleasure, elect any member of the Order an emeritus member of the Imperial Council. Said emeritus member or members shall have a voice in the proceedings of the Imperial Council, but shall have no other privileges or emoluments.

SECTION 6.—Representatives shall be entitled to mileage and per diem expenses when in attendance at the sessions of the Imperial Council, and no Representative or Representatives, except Past Imperial Potentates, shall be entitled to mileage beyond the aggregate amount paid to the Imperial Council for that year, by such Temple as he or they represent, and no deficiency shall be chargeable to a succeeding year.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS—THEIR TITLES, ELECTION, INSTALLATION, AND TENURE OF OFFICE.

SECTION 1.—The officers of the Imperial Council shall be as follows, viz.:

- I. IMPERIAL POTENTATE.
- II. IMPERIAL DEPUTY POTENTATE.
- III. IMPERIAL CHIEF RABBAN.
- IV. IMPERIAL ASSISTANT RABBAN.
- V. IMPERIAL HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET.
- VI. IMPERIAL ORIENTAL GUIDE.
- VII. IMPERIAL TREASURER.
- VIII. IMPERIAL RECORDER.
- IX. IMPERIAL FIRST CEREMONIAL MASTER.
- X. IMPERIAL SECOND CEREMONIAL MASTER, OR STANDARD BEARER.
- XI. IMPERIAL MARSHAL.
- XII. IMPERIAL CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.
- XIII. IMPERIAL OUTER GUARD.

All of whom must be Representatives to the Imperial Council.

SECTION 2.—The officers shall be elected by ballot, and by a majority vote, at each annual session, and shall hold their office until their successors are elected and installed.

SECTION 3.—The election of officers shall take place immediately after the transaction of all unfinished business, and the reception and disposal of the reports of the officers.

SECTION 4.—The officers of the Imperial Council, and of every subordinate Temple in this jurisdiction, before they enter upon the exercise of their respective duties, shall take the following obligation :

“ I (name in full) do solemnly promise and vow that I will faithfully, and to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected, and that I will strictly conform to the requirements of the Constitution, Regulations, and Edicts of the Imperial Council for North America.”

ARTICLE V.

IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

SECTION 1.—The Imperial Potentate is the Executive Officer of the Order within the jurisdiction of this Imperial Council.

SECTION 2.—He shall preside over all stated and special sessions of the Imperial Council, and at his pleasure, over all sessions of subordinate Temples which he shall favor with his presence.

SECTION 3.—When, in his judgment, the good of the Order requires it, he shall have power to call special sessions of the Imperial Council, specifying the business to be laid before it.

SECTION 4.—During the recess of the Imperial Council, he is invested with a general supervision of the Order throughout the jurisdiction. He shall have a yearly contingent fund, in such an amount as the Imperial Council may vote for each ensuing year, out of which all expenses of his office shall be defrayed.

SECTION 5.—He shall have power to confer the Order “ at sight ” either in person or by a deputy authorized for that purpose, but only for the purpose of organizing new Temples under dispensation in unoccupied territory; and the fees therefor shall be returned to the Imperial Council. The minimum fee in such cases shall be twenty-five dollars for each and every candidate.

SECTION 6.—Each Temple may be visited for the purpose of inspection, by the Imperial Potentate, or by some Representative from the Imperial Council deputized by him for that purpose, at least once during his term of office.

SECTION 7.—He may do all such other acts, and perform all such other duties, not inconsistent with this Constitution, as, in his judgment, the interests of the Order require.

ARTICLE VI.

IMPERIAL DEPUTY POTENTATE.

The Imperial Deputy Potentate, in the event of the death, removal, or physical disability of the Imperial Potentate, shall act, with full power, in his place and stead until the disqualification is removed. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be designated by his superior.

ARTICLE VII.

IMPERIAL CHIEF AND ASSISTANT RABBANS.

The Imperial Chief Rabban and Imperial Assistant Rabban, in the absence of their superiors, shall severally and respectively assume the responsibilities and discharge the duties of their superior officers according to rank. At all other times they shall discharge the duties traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

ARTICLE VIII.

IMPERIAL RECORDER.

SECTION 1.—The Imperial Recorder shall attend all sessions of the Imperial Council, and shall keep a true record of all the work, deliberations and transactions of the Imperial Council, and transcribe the same in a book kept for the purpose.

SECTION 2.—He shall collect and receive all the revenue of the Imperial Council, and pay over the amount to the Imperial Treasurer whenever the sum reaches the amount of one hundred dollars. Before entering upon the duties of his office he shall give a bond to the Imperial Potentate in the sum of ten thousand dollars.

SECTION 3.—He shall forward to each newly constituted Temple, immediately upon such Temple receiving a dispensation, a copy of this Constitution, together with such other Statutes and Edicts as are in force.

SECTION 4.—He shall make an annual report of his accounts, and also a summary of the returns of the Subordinate Temples, showing the number of the members of each; also the admissions, rejections, suspensions, expulsions, dismissions, and deaths. He shall have his books, papers, and accounts present at the opening of each annual session prepared for examination by the Committee on Finance and Accounts; shall have in custody the Official Seal of the Imperial Council, and affix it to all official communications; notify the members of the Imperial Council of the annual and special sessions, and perform such other duties appertaining to his office as may be required; and, at the expiration of his term of office deliver to his successor all books, papers, or other property in his possession, belonging to the Imperial Council.

SECTION 5.—He shall receive for his services such compensation as the Imperial Council shall from time to time designate.

ARTICLE IX.

IMPERIAL TREASURER.

It is the duty of the Imperial Treasurer to attend all sessions of the Imperial Council, with the books and papers of his office. He shall receive all moneys from the Imperial Recorder, giving his receipt therefor, and shall deposit the same in a National Bank in the name of, and subject to the order of this Imperial Council. He shall pay all orders authorized to be drawn on him by the Imperial Council; such orders to be signed by the Imperial Recorder and countersigned by the Imperial Potentate, and issued in payment of an appropriation, or in accordance with an order previously made by the Imperial Council, and, before entering upon the duties of his office, give his bond to the Imperial Potentate in the sum of twenty thousand dollars; and shall, at each annual session, render a correct account of his receipts and disbursements; and, at the expiration of his term of office, he shall deliver to his successor all moneys, books, papers, or other property that may be in his possession, or under his control, as Imperial Treasurer.

ARTICLE X.

OTHER OFFICERS.

The remaining officers are to perform such duties as are appropriate to their several stations, or as may be assigned to them by the Imperial Council or the Imperial Potentate.

ARTICLE XI.

COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1.—The following Standing Committees, each consisting of five members, to be appointed by the Imperial Potentate at least sixty days before the meeting of the Imperial Council, shall examine the report to the Imperial Council upon the several matters referred to them.

CREDENTIALS.—Whose duty it shall be to examine and report upon the credentials of the newly elected Representatives.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.—They shall particularly examine the work and records of each Temple under Dispensation, and asking for Charter, and report to the Imperial Council such action as they shall deem proper.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.—It shall be their duty to examine the books and vouchers of the Imperial Treasurer and Imperial Recorder, and report to the Imperial Council the actual condition of the finances, books and accounts.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.—All matters of controversy, appeal or grievance brought before the Imperial Council shall be referred to this

committee, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same, and report their action thereon.

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.—To them shall be referred all propositions to revise, alter or amend the Constitution, Regulations, and Edicts of the Imperial Council, as well as all other matters on questions of law or usage, and they shall report thereon, in writing, to the Imperial Council.

MILEAGE AND PAY OF REPRESENTATIVES.—To them shall be referred all matters pertaining to the mileage and pay of Representatives, and they shall report, by resolution or otherwise, what action should be taken, if any, by the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XII.

DEPUTIES.

SECTION 1.—Deputies may be appointed by the Imperial Potentate for a specific purpose, which shall be set forth in the commission issued, which shall be executed without unnecessary delay; and the appointment shall cease when the said purposes shall have been executed. It shall be the duty of each Deputy appointed under the provisions of this Section to *return* his authority to the Imperial Potentate with a written report of his action thereunder. The expenses incurred by Deputies shall be paid by the Imperial Treasurer when approved by the Imperial Potentate.

ARTICLE XIII.

DISPENSATIONS FOR TEMPLES.

SECTION 1.—The Imperial Potentate shall have power, during the recess, to grant Letters of Dispensation to seven or more petitioners properly recommended, possessing the Constitutional qualifications, empowering them to form and open a Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. This Dispensation shall cease at the next annual session of the Imperial Council, or be continued, recalled, or a Charter granted by order of the Imperial Council.

SECTION 2.—No Dispensation shall be issued unless the petition shall be recommended by the nearest Temple of the Order, but in the event of the refusal of the said nearest Temple to grant consent, it shall be within the power of the Imperial Council, duly assembled, to grant said Dispensation without said consent, should they deem it for the best interests of the Order to do so. In each state and territory within the United States where two or more Temples of the Order exist, no Charter or Dispensation shall be granted, except by action of the Imperial Council. Should any Temple of the Order have its Charter recalled by the action of the Imperial Council, no new Charter can be granted, provided, there be remaining two Temples of the Order within such state or territory, except by action of the Imperial Council. When an application for a Dispensa-

tion in unoccupied territory is received, the Temple nearest the site of the proposed new Temple shall be notified of the application for said Dispensation, at least thirty days prior to the issuing of the same, that reasons may be assigned, if any, against said Dispensation being issued, but nothing in this section shall be construed to impair the prerogative of the Imperial Potentate to issue Dispensations in unoccupied territory. The petitioners must give satisfactory evidence of good standing, of a suitable place of meeting, of possessing or having the ability to procure proper furniture and paraphernalia for the use of the Temple, and of being competent to conduct intelligently the ceremonies, work and government thereof.

SECTION 3.—No dispensation shall be continued if granted more than six (6) months prior to any regular session of the Imperial Council, neither shall any Charter be granted to any Temple not having provided itself with a *seal*, a *proper place of meeting*, and the *necessary paraphernalia* for conferring the Order.

SECTION 4.—The petitioners for a dispensation, members of the Temple whose consent is required, are not barred from voting on the question of consent.

SECTION 5.—A Temple under dispensation is only liable for dues for the fractional part of the year that it was in existence, in addition to the per-capita dues on members created.

SECTION 6.—A Temple holding a dispensation or charter has a legal existence and legal jurisdiction, and whether it works or not such jurisdiction cannot be gainsaid except by action of the Imperial Council.

SECTION 7.—A Temple under dispensation has no right to elect officers, nor is a Potentate of a Temple under dispensation entitled to the rank of a Past Potentate.

A Noble signing a petition for a dispensation for a Temple becomes a member of the Temple under dispensation and is amenable to it for dues. He should pay dues to the Temple of which he was a member prior to the issuing of the dispensation only up to the date of the dispensation of the new Temple, and his membership in the Chartered Temple remains in abeyance until a Charter is granted to the new Temple.

If the dispensation of a new Temple is taken up, and no Charter issued, the membership of all Nobles reverts to the Temples of which they were members prior to the issuing of the dispensation.

When a dispensation to any Temple is recalled and no Charter issued, all Nobles created in said Temple become members of the Order at large, subject to the authority of the Imperial Council, and are entitled to a certificate to that effect from the Imperial Recorder, which certificate has the force of a dimit for purpose of affiliation.

Upon the receipt of a Charter it is the duty of the Potentate of the Temple chartered to cause the Recorder to certify that fact to all Temples in which the Charter members formerly held their membership, and their membership in said Temples thereupon terminates.

ARTICLE XIV.

JURISDICTION OF TEMPLES.

SECTION 1.—The territorial jurisdiction of Subordinate Temples, chartered by this Imperial Council, extends in all directions to one-half the distance, by a direct line, between itself and the nearest Temple. *Provided*, that in no case can it extend beyond the limits of the state, territory, or district in which it is located: *provided*, also, that Temples occupying the same state or territory may agree upon concurrent jurisdiction within their territory, should they so desire: *provided*, also, that the Imperial Council may declare concurrent jurisdiction between all Temples in states where more than one Temple exists, should it appear for the best interests of the Order to do so, but only after said disputing Temples have failed to agree upon concurrent jurisdiction or an equitable division of territory.

Jurisdictional boundaries between any two Temples are determined by drawing a right line from center to center of each town or city where the Temples are located. From the middle point of such line draw another line at right angles thereto, and extending the same in either direction to the boundaries of the state. The latter line will constitute the jurisdictional boundary between the two Temples.

SECTION 2.—A Temple shall not act upon a petition for initiation of any one residing within the jurisdiction of another Temple without first obtaining permission of such Temple. It shall be competent in such cases for a Temple to waive its jurisdiction, and permit another Temple to confer the Order upon one residing within its jurisdiction; and such authority shall be given only under the seal of the Temple so granting it. Temples having concurrent jurisdiction must notify each other of all petitions received.

SECTION 3.—Each Temple is sovereign in its own jurisdiction whether under dispensation or chartered, and no applicant, resident in such jurisdiction, can apply elsewhere for the Order without the consent of the Temple.

SECTION 4.—Temples may open and confer the Order at any place within their jurisdiction, notice being given of such intent and candidates having been previously elected, but no other business can be transacted at such sessions except the necessary preliminaries toward conferring the Order.

ARTICLE XV.

INITIATION FEE.

The Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine shall not be conferred upon any one for a less sum than twenty-five (\$25) dollars; but Temples may increase the amount at their pleasure.

ARTICLE XVI.

FEES AND REVENUE.

SECTION 1.—The revenue of the Imperial Council shall be derived from the following sources :

For every Dispensation to form and open a Temple, there shall be required and paid one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars, of which one hundred dollars shall be returned when a charter is granted.

SECTION 2.—Each subordinate Temple shall pay to the Imperial Council the sum of two (\$2) dollars for each and every candidate receiving the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine within such Temple, which sum shall be forwarded immediately to the Imperial Recorder, who shall forthwith issue a Diploma of the Imperial Council to each and every candidate.

SECTION 3.—Every subordinate Temple shall pay annually to the Imperial Council, in accordance with its membership, the following sum :

For 100 members or less,	- - - - -	Ten Dollars (\$10).
For each hundred members or less in addition to the	- - - - -	
above,	- - - - -	Ten Dollars (\$10).

The dues shall accompany the Annual Return of every Temple to the Imperial Council.

SECTION 4.—For every copy of the Oriental Ritual the fee shall be five (\$5) dollars. They shall be issued only upon the application of a regular Temple of the Order, but no more than three copies shall be issued to any one Temple, and then only upon order of the Imperial Potentate.

ARTICLE XVII.

THE RITUAL.

The Ritual, as promulgated by the Imperial Council for the use of the Order in its jurisdiction, shall be adopted uniformly by every Temple, and no alterations or additions shall be made in the Ritual, except by authority of the Imperial Council, and every departure therefrom will be considered as an indignity to the same.

ARTICLE XVIII.

REGALIA.

SECTION 1.—The emblems, jewels, and costumes for every office in this Order, as promulgated by the Imperial Council in the Ritual, shall be strictly adhered to.

SECTION 2.—The Red Turkish Fez is adopted as a uniform style of head covering for all Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

ARTICLE XIX.

EMBLEMS AND JEWELS.

The Emblems and Jewels of the Mystic Shrine are the characteristic Insignia of the Oriental nation from which the order emanates. They are

the Crescent, Pyramid, Sphinx Head, Panther-Bodied Female Sphinx, the Urn, Sun, Moon, Stars, etc., and are used to decorate the Tombs, Banners, Draperies, Costumes, Regalia, etc. In mourning drapery, the combination is the Sun with rays, Moon, and Stars.

CRESCENT.

The original and universal Emblematic Jewel is the Crescent, formed of two nails from a Tiger's Paw, united at their bases with a band of gold, and a ring at the base to suspend it as a charm or jewel, to be hung points downward. The gold band should be decorated with the Sphinx Head on one side, a Pyramid with the Urn upon it on the other; the name of the owner, and the date of his receiving the Order, engraved upon the sides; and inside the circle "Allah," or God, and the motto of the Order, which is "Robur et Furor," and signifies "Strength and Fury." Every Noble of the Mystic Shrine is entitled to wear this Jewel. The combining of the emblems of other secret orders with the Jewel of the Shrine is deemed inappropriate, and is therefore prohibited.

The wearing of the Fez and Jewel of the Order on occasions other than meetings of Temples of the Arabic Order, or gatherings of Shriners under the authority of some legal body of the Order is ill-advised, and Potentates are expected to prevent such action by their members.

ARTICLE XX.

SUBORDINATE TEMPLES—HOW CONSTITUTED.

SECTION 1.—All regular Subordinate Bodies of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine are termed Temples, and shall consist of the following officers :

I. ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE	<i>Shayk.</i>
II. CHIEF RABBAN.....	<i>Emeer.</i>
III. ASSISTANT RABBAN.....	<i>Sahib.</i>
IV. HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET.....	<i>Imam.</i>
V. ORIENTAL GUIDE.....	<i>Ayn.</i>
VI. TREASURER.....	<i>Chayzin.</i>
VII. RECORDER.....	<i>Katib.</i>
VIII. FIRST CEREMONIAL MASTER.....	<i>Wakil.</i>
IX. SECOND CEREMONIAL MASTER, OR STANDARD BEARER.....	<i>Alam.</i>
X. DIRECTOR.....	<i>Malak.</i>
XI. MARSHAL.....	<i>Amal.</i>
XII. CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.....	<i>Rays.</i>
XIII. OUTER GUARD.....	<i>Hafiz.</i>

And as many members as the Temple may admit.

The first seven officers shall be elected annually by ballot. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the Illustrious Potentate.

SECTION 2.—When a Charter is granted the members of the Temple receiving it must hold an election of officers as soon after its reception as possible.

ARTICLE XXI.

ENTHRONEMENT.

Previous to the enthronement of a Potentate-elect, the Imperial Council requires his assent to the following Ordinances:

First. Do you solemnly vow, upon your honor, that you will exert your best endeavors to promote the true happiness of your brother Nobles of the Mystic Shrine?

Second. That you will endeavor to promote the general good of the Order, and preserve the solemnity of the ceremonies with profound respect and reverence?

Third. That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any Temple which does not work under constitutional authority as recognized by the Imperial Council?

Fourth. That you will ever maintain and support the authority of the Imperial Council for North America, and enforce obedience to its Constitution, Regulations and Edicts?

Do you submit to all these Ordinances, and promise to observe and practice them faithfully?

ARTICLE XXII.

ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE—DUTIES.

The Illustrious Potentate is specially charged to see that the By-laws of his Temple are duly observed, as well of the Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council; that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered; that regular returns are made to the Imperial Council, and that the annual dues are promptly paid; and that no fewer than two sessions are held annually, of which one shall be held in December.

ARTICLE XXIII.

OFFICERS OF TEMPLES—DUTIES.

SECTION 1. The duties of the officers of the Temple shall be those assigned to them in the Ritual, and as traditionally appropriate to them respectively, as also those defined in the Constitution and Regulations.

SECTION 2. Potentate, Chief Rabban and Assistant Rabban cannot resign after having been duly elected *and installed*. Any other officer of a Temple may resign his office. No member can be forced to accept an election to an office.

ARTICLE XXIV.

PREREQUISITES FOR THE ORDER.

No application for the Order shall be received unless the applicant is a regular Knight Templar in good standing, or a Thirty-second Degree

Mason of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of the obedience of either of the Supreme Councils for the Northern or for the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction of such Rite in the United States, and those Supreme Councils which are in amity with and recognized by them. Each application for the Order shall be made upon the form of petition provided by the Imperial Council. The penalty for violation of this article shall be the suspension of the Charter of the Temple so offending until the next session of the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XXV.

BALLOT ON CANDIDATES.

SECTION 1. If, upon the balloting for a candidate, subsequent to a favorable report, three black balls shall appear, another ballot shall immediately be had, but no more; upon the appearance of three black balls a second time, the candidate shall be declared rejected, and disqualified from making a second application for thirteen weeks.

SECTION 2. After a candidate has been declared elected, any subsequent objection or protest must be filed in writing, signed by at least three members of the body, and must stand. Said objection shall be entered upon the minutes, and shall have the same force and effect as a second ballot, and shall prevent a reconsideration of the matter for thirteen weeks.

ARTICLE XXVI.

DECISION OF QUESTIONS.

All questions shall be determined by a majority of votes.

The presiding officer shall have no vote unless there be a tie, when he shall have the casting vote.

No appeal from the decision of the Illustrious Potentate shall lie to the Temple. Any member may appeal from the decision of the Illustrious Potentate to the Imperial Potentate, whose decision shall stand until the same shall be revoked or approved by the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XXVII.

NAMES OF TEMPLES.

Every Temple formed in this jurisdiction shall select an ancient Arabic or Egyptian name, according to the ancient Laws of the Order.

ARTICLE XXVIII.

SEAL OF TEMPLES.

Every Temple in this jurisdiction shall have a seal, giving the name thereof, an impression of which shall be deposited with the Imperial Recorder.

ARTICLE XXIX.

BY-LAWS.

Each Temple is required to forward a copy of its By-laws to the Imperial Council for approval, and, also, when such approval has been received, to forward to the Imperial Council a copy of such By-laws.

ARTICLE XXX.

MEMBERSHIP IN TEMPLES.

SECTION 1. Any person applying for the degrees to any Temple shall be an actual resident of the jurisdiction of the Temple to which he applies for at least six months. Membership may be terminated by voluntary dimission upon payment of all indebtedness to the Temple, or by expulsion from the Order after due trial, and a vote of three-fourths of the members present when the vote is taken.

Membership is suspended by a member uniting in the formation of a Temple under Dispensation, and dissolved by the granting of a Charter to the new Temple, unless the member gives notice in writing, or personally in open session, at or before the surrender of the Dispensation, of his intention to resume his former membership.

SECTION 2. A member can hold active membership in but one Temple.

SECTION 3. Affiliation is a matter solely between the applicant and the Temple to which he applies. A Noble of the Mystic Shrine, holding a dimitt from a legal Temple, may present his petition to any Temple of the Order.

SECTION 4. An offense committed by a Noble, which has caused his suspension or expulsion in any Order, membership in which is a prerequisite to this Order, such expulsion or suspension must similarly affect his standing in his Temple.

SECTION 5. A member may be suspended for non-payment of dues, and suspended or expelled for conduct unbecoming a member of the Order.

To suspend for non-payment of dues, a majority vote only of the members present at any regular meeting shall be necessary, provided notice has been given to the delinquent member that he is in arrears, and an opportunity afforded him to be present.

For conduct unbecoming a member of the Order, it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the members present to suspend membership, and a vote of three-fourths of the members present to expel a member at any regular meeting.

No member of a Temple can be suspended or expelled for conduct unbecoming a member, without formal charges being presented, notice served upon him and an opportunity afforded him to be heard in his defense.

SECTION 6. The right to object to any *visiting* member of the Order is inherent with every Noble in good standing, but no member in good standing in his Temple can be expelled or ordered out at the request of another member except upon charges made, trial, conviction and sentence.

ARTICLE XXXI.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Honorary membership may be conferred by subordinate Temples upon any member of this Order, as a compliment, by a majority vote ; but such membership confers no rights or privileges.

ARTICLE XXXII.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Every Temple shall hold its annual election at a stated Session in December, and the installation of officers shall take place immediately or at the first succeeding Session.

ARTICLE XXXIII.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

Every subordinate Temple shall, on or before the 15th day of January in each year, transmit to the Imperial Recorder, in such form as shall be furnished, its annual return, accompanied by the dues to the Imperial Council, as provided by Article XVI of this Constitution,

The initiation fee of two dollars for every initiate, if not paid at date of initiation; shall accompany the annual return, in accordance with Article XVI of this Constitution.

Any Temple neglecting or refusing to make its annual returns on or before January 15th, accompanied by the fees and dues, shall be notified thereof; and if, after three months' notice, it fails to fully comply, it shall be suspended by the Imperial Potentate until restored by a vote of the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XXXIV.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1.—The Imperial Council shall be competent, upon the concurrence of three-fourths of the members present at any session, to revise, amend and alter this Constitution.

SECTION 2.—Any member intending to submit a motion relative to a change in the Constitution, Statutes or Regulations, shall give notice

thereof in writing, to the Imperial Recorder, at least two months prior to the day on which the session at which said subject is to be discussed is to be held, and notice thereof shall be inserted in the summons, otherwise no such motion shall be entertained, unless the failure to publish the same in the summons is by fault of the officer charged with the duty of issuing it.

SECTION 3.—All amendments proposed may be modified in any manner by the Imperial Council while the same is under consideration; no modification, however, shall be made not germane to the matter contained in the original proposed amendment. It shall require a two-thirds vote to change the Constitution in the case of any amendment offered, in accordance with Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this article.

SECTION 4.—All amendments to, or alterations of the Constitution and laws presented to the Imperial Council while in session, and which have not been published in the summons for that session, shall be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, who shall report upon them at the next session of the Imperial Council, when it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the representatives present to adopt the same.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

IMPROPER PUBLICATIONS.—WHEREAS, The practice of certain Temples of the Mystic Shrine, owing fealty to this Imperial Council, in introducing immoral, low, vulgar and obscene actions and ceremonies into the ritual is rapidly and justly bringing the Order into contempt, and must finally tend to the disruption of the institution; and, inasmuch as such practices are evidently countenanced and permitted by certain Potentates and presiding officers of Temples; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Imperial Council hereby emphatically condemns all immoral and vulgar practices, and declares that a repetition of such proceedings shall be sufficient cause for the revocation of the Charter of any such Temple.

Resolved, That hereafter the Illustrious Potentate, or presiding officer for the time being, of each Temple shall be held personally responsible for not immediately arresting any attempt at such vulgarity and obscenity, and will render himself subject to expulsion from the Order.—(Proceedings, 1890, page 51.)

PAYMENT BY CHECK.—*Resolved*, That the Imperial Treasurer shall pay each Representative entitled to mileage and per diem by check, and take his receipt therefor. The check to be drawn on the bank or banks in which the funds are deposited.—(Proceedings, 1891, page 53.)

ARABIC CALENDAR.—*Resolved*, To make the Arabic Calendar, as prepared by Noble Charles A. Hiller, of Salina, Kansas, the official calendar of the Imperial Council.—(Proceedings, 1891, page 53.)

OFFICIAL STENOGRAPHER.—*Resolved*, To make Noble Frank T. Hagerty the official stenographer of the Imperial Council.—(Proceedings, 1891, page 52.)

REJECTED CANDIDATES.—*Resolved*, That hereafter, the name and address, and Masonic qualifications, of all candidates rejected by subordinate Temples shall be forwarded each month to the Imperial Recorder, who shall, at the end of each month, mail to the Recorder of every Temple in the Jurisdiction a printed list of such rejected candidates, together with the name of the Temple rejecting them.—(Proceedings, 1891, page 52.)

CREDENTIAL BLANKS.—*Resolved*, That the Imperial Recorder be directed to prepare a uniform credential blank, and mail them to the several Temples in ample time for filling out and presentation at the annual sessions of the Imperial Council.—Proceedings, 1891, page 52.)

BADGE.—*Resolved*, That the Imperial Council adopt and furnish a badge, to be worn only by delegates to the Imperial Council when in session, and that the same be sent to the Potentate of each Temple by the Imperial Recorder each year, preparatory to the meeting of the Imperial Council, and the same to be delivered to the Representatives by the Potentates.—(1892 Proceedings.)

JURISDICTION.—From report of Committee on Grievance; recommendation adopted: "In order that no Temple or Potentate may in future plead ignorance of Art. XIV, Sec. 2; and in order that a suitable punishment may be inflicted for the violation of the above section, it shall be the duty of the Imperial Potentate to revoke the charter of any Temple violating the provision of the section referred to until the next meeting of the Imperial Council."—(1892 Proceedings.)

TRUSTEES.—*Resolved*, That the Imperial Potentate, Imperial Treasurer and Imperial Recorder be constituted a Board of Trustees to care for the funds and securities of the Imperial Council.

Resolved, That the Imperial Recorder is directed to issue to all Temples, quarterly, a list of all expulsions, suspensions and restorations reported to him.

FORMS.

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION.

TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA:

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents that they are Knights Templar, or Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32°, and in good standing as Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, residing in ———, and State of ———, and competent to form and open a Temple of this Order, and to properly discharge the various duties thereof, according to the requirements of the Constitution, Regulations, and Edicts of the Imperial Council of the Order.

Having the welfare and prosperity of the Order at heart, and being desirous of extending its benefits to worthy Knights Templar and Thirty-second Degree Masons, they pray for a Dispensation, empowering them to form, open, and hold a regular Temple of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at ———, and State of ———, to be designated as ——— Temple, and they beg to recommend Illustrious Noble ——— to be the first Illustrious Potentate of said Temple.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	PROFESSION.	COMMANDERY.	CONSISTORY.
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PETITION FOR AFFILIATION.

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF ———
TEMPLE, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC
SHRINE:

The undersigned, a regular Noble of the Mystic Shrine, initiated in ——— Temple, stationed at ———, and last a member of ——— Temple, held at ———, as may be seen by the inclosed Certificate of Dimit, respectfully prays that he may be admitted a member of your Temple.

Signature.....

Profession.....
Age.....
Residence.....
Recommended by.....

PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP.

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE:

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE, OFFICERS, AND MEMBERS OF ———
TEMPLE, SITUATED IN ———:

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar (or Thirty-second Degree Mason), in good standing in ——— Commandery, No. — (or ——— Consistory), situated at ———, State of ———, and respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and

become a Member of your Temple. I furthermore represent that I have never previously applied for said Order, nor have I been rejected by any other Temple. If I be found worthy and my request granted, I promise to conform to all the Ceremonies, Engagements, Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council, together with those of your Temple.

Signature
 Where born.....
 Date of Birth.....day of.....18..
 Profession or Occupation.....
 Residence No.....Street
 Business Address No.....Street
 Recommended and vouched for on the honor of
 Noble
 "
 Fees. \$—, enclosed.

REPORT ON PETITIONS.

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE, OFFICERS, AND MEMBERS OF
 ——— TEMPLE, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF
 THE MYSTIC SHRINE:

The Committee appointed on the within petition to make the necessary inquiries relative to ———, of ——— Commandery, No.—, Knights Templar (or ——— Consistory, 32°), situated at ———, being an applicant for initiation and membership (or, for affiliation) have performed that duty, and beg leave to report ——— of the prayer of the petitioner being granted.

..... } Committee.
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 Balloted for ———, 18—.

CERTIFICATE OF DIMIT.

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

WHEREAS, ———, a Worthy Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and a late Member of ——— Temple, held at ———, under a Charter from the Imperial Council for North America, has regularly withdrawn from said Temple, and conformed to its By-laws; therefore he is hereby granted this testimonial of his conduct as a Worthy Noble of the Order during his continuance among us, and recommended to the favorable consideration of all True and Worthy Nobles throughout the Globe.

Witness his and our hands and the seal of the Temple, this ——— day of 18—.

Attest: (Signature).....*Ne Varietur.*

Residence.....

Age.....years Profession.....

.....*Illustrious Potentate.*

.....*Recorder.*



DIPLOMA OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

ES SELAMU ALEIKUM!

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE:

To all True and Faithful Nobles of the Mystic Shrine:

Know ye, that the Worthy Noble ———, who hath signed his Name
in the margin hereof, was regularly Received, Admitted, and Consti-
tuted a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, in ——— Temple of ———, on the
—— day of ———, 18—, and that he is duly enrolled as such upon
the Records of the Order.

In Testimony Whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our Names,
and affixed the Seal of the Imperial Council for North America.

Attest: ———, *Imperial Potentate.*

———, *Imperial Recorder.*

(Signature) ———
Ne Varietur.
{ SEAL. }

POCKET OR TRAVELING CERTIFICATE.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA:

To all True and Faithful Nobles of the Mystic Shrine:

Know ye, that the Worthy Brother ———, who hath signed his Name
in the margin hereof, was regularly Received, Admitted, and Constituted
a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, in ——— Temple of ———, on the ——
day of ———, 18—, and that he is duly enrolled as such upon the Records
of the Order.

In Testimony Whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our Names, and
affixed the Seal of the Imperial Council for North America.

Attest: ———, *Imperial Potentate.*

———, *Imperial Recorder.*

{ SEAL
IMPERIAL
COUNCIL. }

Noble ——— is, at the date above written, a member in good stand-
ing in this Temple.

{ LOCAL
TEMPLE
SEAL. }

———, *Recorder.*

———, *Temple.*

Ne Varietur.

Constitution of the Imperial Council

OF THE

... ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER ...

OF THE

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

FOR

NORTH AMERICA.

Revised to
July 25, 1884.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND POWER.

SECTION 1.—This body shall be known by the name, style and title of
THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL

OF THE

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE
MYSTIC SHRINE

FOR

NORTH AMERICA.

SECTION 2.—It has power to enact Laws, Statutes, and Regulations for the government of the whole Order; to issue Edicts; to amend or repeal the same; to grant Dispensations and Charters for holding Temples of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine within its jurisdiction; and to amend or revoke the same. Its authority also extends to such Temples as may be organized under its dispensations or charters in foreign countries.

SECTION 3.—It has the exclusive right to control all the subordinate Temples of the Order within its jurisdiction. It may censure, suspend and erase Temples; and try, discipline, suspend, or expel its members for violation and disobedience of its Constitution, Regulations and Edicts.

SECTION 4.—It is the body to which all final appeals shall be made on all matters of importance emanating from subordinate Temples.

SECTION 5.—This Imperial Council being a legislative body, acknowledging no superior, permits an appeal to be taken by any Representative from the decision of the chair on any question under consideration therein: *Provided*, however, that such appeal shall not be sustained unless two-thirds of all the Representatives present shall vote therefor.

ARTICLE II.

SESSIONS.

SECTION 1.—The Imperial Council shall meet annually, at such time and place as shall have been determined by a majority of the Representatives at the previous session.

SECTION 2.—Special sessions may be called by the Imperial Potentate in any emergency, at any time and place in his discretion, or, when requested by seven Representatives to this Imperial Council, five of whom shall be members of separate Temples, it shall be his duty so to do; due notice to be given to each subordinate Temple and to each Representative to the Imperial Council, stating the business to be considered; and no other business than that specified in the call or summons shall be transacted.

SECTION 3.—All sessions shall be opened in full and ample form.

SECTION 4.—Seven Representatives, five of whom shall be Representatives of separate Temples, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 5.—At every session, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes (except alterations of this constitution, as herein provided), the presiding officer not being entitled to a vote except in case the vote is equally divided, when he shall have the casting vote.

SECTION 6.—At each session, when the Imperial Potentate shall have called the Imperial Council to order, the Committee on Credentials shall immediately determine as to the credentials of the Representatives.

SECTION 7.—Notices of sessions of the Imperial Council shall be issued at least 30 days prior to such sessions.

ARTICLE III.

REPRESENTATIVES.

SECTION 1.—Representation in the Imperial Council shall be apportioned as follows: To every Temple working by authority of a charter granted by this Imperial Council there shall be one Representative, who must be a member of the Temple electing him. Each Temple shall be entitled to two Representatives when its membership reaches three hundred, three Representatives when its membership reaches four hundred, and four Representatives when its membership reaches six hundred, but no Temple shall be allowed more than four Representatives.

SECTION 2.—The Representatives shall be chosen as follows: Each

Temple shall annually elect by ballot such Representative or Representatives as it shall be entitled to, and a certified record of such election shall be forwarded to the Imperial Recorder, which credential shall be countersigned by the Recorder of the subordinate Temple, who shall also affix the seal of the Temple thereto.

SECTION 3.—The number of membership by which the number of Representatives shall be determined, shall be the membership of the Temple on the date of its annual meeting for the election of officers in December of each year.

SECTION 4.—Any Representative of the Imperial Council who shall remove and reside permanently out of its jurisdiction, be suspended or expelled by a subordinate Temple, or found guilty of a criminal offense, shall thereby have vacated his office.

SECTION 5.—All Past Imperial Potentates shall be Representatives *ad vitam*. The Imperial Council may, at its pleasure, elect any member of the Order an emeritus member of the Imperial Council. Said emeritus member or members shall have a voice in the proceedings of the Imperial Council, but shall have no other privileges or emoluments.

SECTION 6.—Representatives shall be entitled to mileage and per diem expenses when in attendance at the sessions of the Imperial Council, and no Representative or Representatives, except Past Imperial Potentates, shall be entitled to mileage beyond the aggregate amount paid to the Imperial Council for that year, by such Temple as he or they represent, and no deficiency shall be chargeable to a succeeding year.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS—THEIR TITLES, ELECTION, INSTALLATION, AND TENURE OF OFFICE.

SECTION 1.—The officers of the Imperial Council shall be as follows, viz.:

- I. IMPERIAL POTENTATE.
- II. IMPERIAL DEPUTY POTENTATE.
- III. IMPERIAL CHIEF RABBAN.
- IV. IMPERIAL ASSISTANT RABBAN.
- V. IMPERIAL HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET.
- VI. IMPERIAL ORIENTAL GUIDE.
- VII. IMPERIAL TREASURER.
- VIII. IMPERIAL RECORDER.
- IX. IMPERIAL FIRST CEREMONIAL MASTER.
- X. IMPERIAL SECOND CEREMONIAL MASTER, OR STANDARD-BEARER.
- XI. IMPERIAL MARSHAL.
- XII. IMPERIAL CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.
- XIII. IMPERIAL OUTER GUARD.

All of whom must be Representatives to the Imperial Council.

SECTION 2.—The officers shall be elected by ballot, and by a majority vote, at each annual session, and shall hold their office until their successors are elected and installed.

SECTION 3.—The election of officers shall take place immediately after the transaction of all unfinished business, and the reception and disposal of the reports of the officers.

SECTION 4.—The officers of the Imperial Council and of every subordinate Temple in the jurisdiction, before they enter upon the exercise of their respective duties, shall take the following obligation :

"I (name in full) do solemnly promise and vow that I will faithfully, and to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected, and that I will strictly conform to the requirements of the Constitution, Regulations, and Edicts of the Imperial Council for North America."

ARTICLE V.

IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

SECTION 1.—The Imperial Potentate is the Executive Officer of the Order within the jurisdiction of this Imperial Council.

SECTION 2.—He shall preside over all stated and special sessions of the Imperial Council, and at his pleasure, over all sessions of subordinate Temples which he shall favor with his presence.

SECTION 3.—When in his judgment, the good of the Order requires it, he shall have power to call special sessions of the Imperial Council, specifying the business to be laid before it.

SECTION 4.—During the recess of the Imperial Council, he is invested with a general supervision of the Order throughout the jurisdiction. He shall have a yearly contingent fund, in such an amount as the Imperial Council may vote for each ensuing year, out of which all expenses of his office shall be defrayed.

SECTION 5.—He shall have power to confer the Order "at sight" either in person or by a deputy authorized for that purpose, but only for the purpose of organizing new Temples under dispensation in unoccupied territory; and the fees therefor shall be returned to the Imperial Council. The minimum fee in such cases shall be twenty-five dollars for each and every candidate.

SECTION 6.—Each Temple may be visited for the purpose of inspection, by the Imperial Potentate, or by some Representative from the Imperial Council deputed by him for that purpose, at least once during his term of office.

SECTION 7.—He may do all such other acts, and perform all such other duties, not inconsistent with this Constitution, as, in his judgment, the interests of the Order require.

ARTICLE VI.

IMPERIAL DEPUTY POTENTATE.

The Imperial Deputy Potentate, in the event of the death, removal, or physical disability of the Imperial Potentate, shall act, with full power, in his place and stead until the disqualification is removed. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be designated by his superior.

ARTICLE VII.

IMPERIAL CHIEF AND ASSISTANT RABBANS.

The Imperial Chief Rabban and Imperial Assistant Rabban, in the absence of their superiors, shall severally and respectively assume the responsibilities and discharge the duties of their superior officers according to rank. At all other times they shall discharge the duties traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

ARTICLE VIII.

IMPERIAL RECORDER.

SECTION 1.—The Imperial Recorder shall attend all sessions of the Imperial Council, and shall keep a true record of all the work, deliberations, and transactions of the Imperial Council, and transcribe the same in a book for that purpose.

SECTION 2.—He shall collect and receive all the revenue of the Imperial Council, and pay over the amount to the Imperial Treasurer whenever the sum reaches the amount of one hundred dollars. Before entering upon the duties of his office he shall give a bond to the Imperial Potentate in the sum of ten thousand dollars.

SECTION 3.—He shall forward to each newly constituted Temple, immediately upon such Temple receiving a dispensation, a copy of this Constitution, together with such other Statutes and Edicts as are in force.

SECTION 4.—He shall make an annual report of his accounts, and also a summary of the returns of the Subordinate Temples, showing the number of the members of each; also the admissions, rejections, suspensions, expulsions, dismissions, and deaths. He shall have his books, papers, and accounts present at the opening of each annual session prepared for examination by the Committee on Finance and Accounts; shall have in custody the Official Seal of the Imperial Council, and affix it to all official communications; notify the members of the Imperial Council of the annual and special sessions, and perform such other duties appertaining to his office as may be required; and, at the expiration of his term of office deliver to his successor all books, papers, or other property in his possession, belonging to the Imperial Council.

SECTION 5.—He shall receive for his services such compensation as the Imperial Council shall from time to time designate.

ARTICLE IX.

IMPERIAL TREASURER.

It is the duty of the Imperial Treasurer to attend all sessions of the Imperial Council, with the books and papers of his office. He shall receive all moneys from the Imperial Recorder, giving his receipt therefor, and shall deposit the same in a National Bank in the name of, and subject to the order of this Imperial Council. He shall pay all orders authorized to be drawn on him by the Imperial Council; such orders to be signed by the Imperial Recorder and countersigned by the Imperial Potentate, and issued in payment of an appropriation, or in accordance with an order previously made by the Imperial Council, and, before entering upon the duties of his office, give his bond to the Imperial Potentate in the sum of twenty thousand dollars; and shall, at each annual session, render a correct account of his receipts and disbursements; and, at the expiration of his term of office, he shall deliver to his successor all moneys, books, papers, or other property that may be in his possession, or under his control, as Imperial Treasurer. He shall receive for his services the sum of one hundred dollars per annum.

ARTICLE X.

OTHER OFFICERS.

The remaining officers are to perform such duties as are appropriate to their several stations, or as may be assigned to them by the Imperial Council or the Imperial Potentate.

ARTICLE XI.

COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1.—The following Standing Committees, each consisting of five members, to be appointed by the Imperial Potentate at least sixty days before the meeting of the Imperial Council, shall examine the report to the Imperial Council upon the several matters referred to them

CREDENTIALS.—Whose duty it shall be to examine and report upon the credentials of the newly elected Representatives.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.—They shall particularly examine the work and records of each Temple under Dispensation and asking for Charter, and report to the Imperial Council such action as they shall deem proper.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.—It shall be their duty to examine the books and vouchers of the Imperial Treasurer and Imperial Recorder, and report to the Imperial Council the actual condition of the finances, books, and accounts.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.—All matters of controversy, appeal or grievance brought before the Imperial Council shall be referred to this

committee, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same, and report their action thereon.

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.—To them shall be referred all propositions to revise, alter or amend the Constitution, Regulations, and Edicts of the Imperial Council, as well as all other matters on questions of law or usage, and they shall report thereon, in writing, to the Imperial Council.

MILEAGE AND PAY OF REPRESENTATIVES.—To them shall be referred all matters pertaining to the mileage and pay of Representatives, and they shall report, by resolution or otherwise, what action should be taken, if any, by the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XII.

DEPUTIES.

SECTION 1.—Deputies may be appointed by the Imperial Potentate for a specific purpose, which shall be set forth in the commission issued, which shall be executed without unnecessary delay; and the appointment shall cease when the said purposes shall have been executed. It shall be the duty of each Deputy appointed under the provisions of this Section to *return* his authority to the Imperial Potentate with a written report of his action thereunder. The expenses incurred by Deputies shall be paid by the Imperial Treasurer when approved by the Imperial Potentate.

ARTICLE XIII.

DISPENSATIONS FOR TEMPLES.

SECTION 1.—The Imperial Potentate shall have power, during the recess, to grant Letters of Dispensation to seven or more petitioners properly recommended, possessing the Constitutional qualifications, empowering them to form and open a Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. This Dispensation shall cease at the next annual session of the Imperial Council, or be continued, recalled, or a Charter granted by order of the Imperial Council.

SECTION 2.—No Dispensation shall be issued unless the petition shall be recommended by the nearest Temple of the Order, but in the event of the refusal of the said nearest Temple to grant consent, it shall be within the power of the Imperial Council, duly assembled, to grant said Dispensation without said consent, should they deem it for the best interests of the Order to do so. In each state and territory within the United States where two or more Temples of the Order exist, no Charter or Dispensation shall be granted, except by action of the Imperial Council. Should any Temple of the Order have its Charter recalled by the action of the Imperial Council, no new Charter can be granted, provided, there be remaining two temples of the Order within such state or territory, except by action of the Imperial Council. When

an application for a Dispensation in unoccupied territory is received, the Temple nearest the site of the proposed new Temple shall be notified of the application for said Dispensation, at least thirty days prior to the issuing of the same, that reasons may be assigned, if any, against said Dispensation being issued, but nothing in this section shall be construed to impair the prerogative of the Imperial Potentate to issue Dispensations in unoccupied territory. The petitioners must give satisfactory evidence of good standing, of a suitable place of meeting, of possessing or having the ability to procure proper furniture and paraphernalia for the use of the Temple, and of being competent to conduct intelligently the ceremonies, work and government thereof.

SECTION 3.—No dispensation shall be continued if granted more than six (6) months prior to any regular session of the Imperial Council, neither shall any Charter be granted to any Temple not having provided itself with a *seal*, a *proper place of meeting*, and the *necessary paraphernalia* for conferring the Order.

SECTION 4.—The petitioners for a dispensation, members of the Temple whose consent is required, are not barred from voting on the question of consent.

SECTION 5.—A Temple under dispensation is only liable for dues for the fractional part of the year that it was in existence, in addition to the per capita dues on members created.

SECTION 6.—A Temple holding a dispensation or charter has a legal existence and legal jurisdiction, and whether it works or not such jurisdiction cannot be gainsaid except by action of the Imperial Council.

SECTION 7.—A Temple under dispensation has no right to elect officers, nor is a Potentate of a Temple under dispensation entitled to the rank of a Past Potentate. A Temple under dispensation is not entitled to representation in the Imperial Council.

A Noble signing a petition for a dispensation for a Temple becomes a member of the Temple under dispensation and is amenable to it for dues. He should pay dues to the Temple of which he was a member prior to the issuing of the dispensation only up to the date of the dispensation of the new Temple, and his membership in the Chartered Temple remains in abeyance until a Charter is granted to the new Temple.

If the dispensation of a new Temple is taken up, and no Charter issued, the membership of all Nobles reverts to the Temples of which they were members prior to the issuing of the dispensation.

When a dispensation to any Temple is recalled and no Charter issued, all Nobles created in said Temple become members of the Order at large, subject to the authority of the Imperial Council, and are entitled to a certificate to that effect from the Imperial Recorder, which certificate has the force of a dimit for purpose of affiliation.

Upon the receipt of a Charter it is the duty of the Potentate of the Temple chartered to cause the Recorder to certify that fact to all Tem-

ples in which the Charter members formerly held their membership and their membership in said Temples thereupon terminates.

ARTICLE XIV.

JURISDICTION OF TEMPLES.

SECTION 1.—The territorial jurisdiction of Subordinate Temples, chartered by this Imperial Council, extends in all directions to one-half the distance, by a direct line, between itself and the nearest Temple. *Provided*, that in no case can it extend beyond the limits of the State, territory, or district to which it is located: *provided*, also, that Temples occupying the same state or territory may agree upon concurrent jurisdiction within their territory, should they so desire: *provided*, also, that the Imperial Council may declare concurrent jurisdiction between all Temples in states where more than one Temple exists, should it appear for the best interests of the Order to do so, but only after said disputing Temples have failed to agree upon concurrent jurisdiction or an equitable division of territory.

Jurisdictional boundaries between any two Temples are determined by drawing a right line from center to center of each town or city where the Temples are located. From the middle point of such line draw another line at right angles thereto, and extending the same in either direction to the boundaries of the state. The latter line will constitute the jurisdictional boundary between the two Temples.

SECTION 2.—A Temple shall not act upon a petition for initiation of any one residing within the jurisdiction of another Temple without first obtaining permission of such Temple. It shall be competent in such cases for a Temple to waive its jurisdiction, and permit another Temple to confer the Order upon one residing within its jurisdiction; and such authority shall be given only under the seal of the Temple so granting it. Temples having concurrent jurisdiction must notify each other of all petitions received.

SECTION 3.—Each Temple is sovereign in its own jurisdiction whether under dispensation or chartered, and no applicant, resident in such jurisdiction, can apply elsewhere for the Order without the consent of the Temple.

SECTION 4.—Temples may open and confer the Order at any place within their jurisdiction, notice being given of such intent and candidates having been previously elected, but no other business can be transacted at such sessions except the necessary preliminaries toward conferring the Order.

ARTICLE XV.

INITIATION FEE.

The Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine shall not be conferred upon any one for a less sum than twenty-five (\$25) dollars; but Temples may increase the amount at their pleasure.

ARTICLE XVI.

FEES AND REVENUE.

SECTION 1.—The revenue of the Imperial Council shall be derived from the following sources:

For every Dispensation to form and open a Temple, there shall be required and paid one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars, of which one hundred dollars shall be returned when a charter is granted.

SECTION 2.—Each subordinate Temple shall pay to the Imperial Council the sum of two (\$2) dollars for each and every candidate receiving the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine within such Temple, which sum shall be forwarded immediately to the Imperial Recorder, who shall forthwith issue a Diploma of the Imperial Council to each and every candidate.

SECTION 3.—Every subordinate Temple shall pay annually to the Imperial Council, in accordance with its membership, the following sum:

For 100 members or less..... Ten Dollars (\$10).

For each hundred members or less in addition to the

above..... Ten Dollars (\$10).

The dues shall accompany the Annual Return of every Temple to the Imperial Council.

SECTION 4.—For every copy of the Oriental Ritual the fee shall be five (\$5) dollars. They shall be issued only upon the application of a regular Temple of the Order, but no more than three copies shall be issued to any one Temple, and then only upon order of the Imperial Potentate.

ARTICLE XVII.

THE RITUAL.

The Ritual, as promulgated by the Imperial Council for the use of the Order in its jurisdiction, shall be adopted uniformly by every Temple, and no alterations or additions shall be made in the Ritual, except by authority of the Imperial Council, and every departure therefrom will be considered as an indignity to the same.

ARTICLE XVIII.

REGALIA.

SECTION 1.—The emblems, jewels, and costumes for every office in this Order, as promulgated by the Imperial Council in the Ritual, shall be strictly adhered to.

SECTION 2.—The Red Turkish Fez is adopted as a uniform style of head covering for all Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

ARTICLE XIX.

EMBLEMS AND JEWELS.

The Emblems and Jewels of the Mystic Shrine are the characteristic Insignia of the Oriental nation from which the Order emanates. They

are the Crescent, Pyramid, Sphinx Head, Panther-Bodied Female Sphinx, the Urn, Sun, Moon, Stars, etc., and are used to decorate the Tombs, Banners, Draperies, Costumes, Regalia, etc. In mourning drapery, the combination is the Sun with rays, Moon, and Stars.

CRESCENT.

The original and universal Emblematic Jewel is the Crescent, formed of two nails from a Tiger's Paw, united at their bases with a band of gold, and a ring at the base to suspend it as a charm or Jewel, to be hung points downward. The gold band should be decorated with the Sphinx Head on one side, a Pyramid with the Urn upon it on the other; the name of the owner, and the date of his receiving the Order, engraved upon the sides; and inside the circle "Allah," or God, and the motto of the Order, which is "Robur et Furor," and signifies "Strength and Fury." Every Noble of the Mystic Shrine is entitled to wear this Jewel. The combining of the emblems of other secret orders with the Jewel of the Shrine is deemed inappropriate, and is therefore prohibited.

The wearing of the Fez and Jewel of the Order on occasions other than meetings of Temples of the Arabic Order, or gatherings of Shriners under the authority of some legal body of the Order is ill-advised, and Potentates are expected to prevent such action by their members.

ARTICLE XX.

SUBORDINATE TEMPLES—HOW CONSTITUTED.

SECTION 1.—All regular Subordinate Bodies of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine are termed Temples, and shall consist of the following officers:

I. ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE.....	<i>Shayk.</i>
II. CHIEF RABBAN.....	<i>Emeer.</i>
III. ASSISTANT RABBAN.....	<i>Sahib.</i>
IV. HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET.....	<i>Imam.</i>
V. ORIENTAL GUIDE	<i>Ayn.</i>
VI. TREASURER.....	<i>Chayzin.</i>
VII. RECORDER.....	<i>Katib.</i>
VIII. FIRST CEREMONIAL MASTER.....	<i>Wakil.</i>
IX. SECOND CEREMONIAL MASTER, OR STANDARD BEARER..	<i>Alam.</i>
X. DIRECTOR.....	<i>Malah.</i>
XI. MARSHAL.....	<i>Amal.</i>
XII. CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.....	<i>Rays.</i>
XIII. OUTER GUARD.....	<i>Hafiz.</i>

And as many members as the Temple may admit.

The first seven officers shall be elected annually by ballot. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the Illustrious Potentate.

SECTION 2.—When a Charter is granted the members of the Temple receiving it must hold an election of officers as soon after its reception as possible.

ARTICLE XXI.

ENTHRONEMENT.

Previous to the enthronement of a Potentate-elect, the Imperial Council requires his assent to the following Ordinances:

First. Do you solemnly vow, upon your honor, that you will exert your best endeavors to promote the true happiness of your brother Nobles of the Mystic Shrine?

Second. That you will endeavor to promote the general good of the Order, and preserve the solemnity of the ceremonies with profound respect and reverence?

Third. That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any Temple which does not work under constitutional authority as recognized by the Imperial Council?

Fourth. That you will ever maintain and support the authority of the Imperial Council for North America, and enforce obedience to its Constitution, Regulations and Edicts?

Do you submit to all these Ordinances, and promise to observe and practice them faithfully?

ARTICLE XXII.

ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE—DUTIES.

The Illustrious Potentate is specially charged to see that the By-laws of his Temple are duly observed, as well of the Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council; that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered; that regular returns are made to the Imperial Council, and that the annual dues are promptly paid; and that no fewer than two sessions are held annually, of which one shall be held in December.

ARTICLE XXIII.

OFFICERS OF TEMPLES—DUTIES.

SECTION 1.—The duties of the officers of the Temple shall be those assigned to them in the Ritual, and as traditionally appropriate to them respectively, as also those defined in the Constitution and Regulations.

SECTION 2.—The Potentate, Chief Rabban and Assistant Rabban cannot resign after having been duly elected *and installed*. Any other officer of a Temple may resign his office. No member can be forced to accept an election to an office.

ARTICLE XXIV.

PREREQUISITES FOR THE ORDER.

No application for the Order shall be received unless the applicant is a regular Knight Templar in good standing, or a Thirty-second Degree

Mason of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the obedience of either of the Supreme Councils for the Northern or for the Southern Masonic jurisdiction of such Rite in the United States, and those Supreme Councils which are in amity with and recognized by them. Each application for the Order shall be made upon the form of petition provided by the Imperial Council. To receive and ballot upon petitions at the same meeting, a Temple must apply for and receive a Special Dispensation from the Imperial Potentate authorizing them so to do, in which event the members of the Temple must receive due and timely notice of the proposed election of candidates under the said dispensation. The penalty for violation of this article shall be the suspension of the Charter of the Temple so offending until the next session of the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XXV.

BALLOT ON CANDIDATES.

SECTION 1.—If, upon the balloting for a candidate, subsequent to a favorable report, three black balls shall appear, another ballot shall immediately be had, but no more; upon the appearance of three black balls a second time, the candidate shall be declared rejected, and disqualified from making a second application for thirteen weeks.

SECTION 2.—After a candidate has been declared elected, any subsequent objection or protest must be filed in writing, signed by at least three members of the body, and must stand. Said objection shall be entered upon the minutes, and shall have the same force and effect as a second ballot, and shall prevent a reconsideration of the matter for thirteen weeks.

ARTICLE XXVI.

DECISION OF QUESTIONS.

All questions shall be determined by a majority of votes.

The presiding officer shall have no vote unless there be a tie, when he shall have the deciding vote.

No appeal from the decision of the Illustrious Potentate shall lie to the Temple. Any member may appeal from the decision of the Illustrious Potentate to the Imperial Potentate, whose decision shall stand until the same shall be revoked or approved by the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XXVII.

NAMES OF TEMPLES.

Every Temple formed in this jurisdiction shall select an ancient Arabic or Egyptian name, according to the ancient laws of the Order.

ARTICLE XXVIII.

SEAL OF TEMPLES.

Every Temple in this jurisdiction shall have a seal, giving the name thereof, an impression of which shall be deposited with the Imperial Recorder.

ARTICLE XXIX.

BY-LAWS.

Each Temple is required to forward a copy of its By-Laws to the Imperial Council for approval, and, also, when such approval has been received, to forward to the Imperial Council a copy of such By-Laws.

ARTICLE XXX.

MEMBERSHIP IN TEMPLES.

SECTION 1.—Any person applying for the degrees to any Temple shall be an actual resident of the jurisdiction of the Temple to which he applies for at least six months. Membership may be terminated by voluntary dismission upon payment of all indebtedness to the Temple, or by expulsion from the Order after due trial, and a vote of three-fourths of the members present when the vote is taken.

Membership is suspended by a member uniting in the formation of a Temple under Dispensation, and dissolved by the granting of a Charter to the new Temple, unless the member gives notice in writing, or personally in open session, at or before the surrender of the Dispensation, of his intention to resume his former membership.

SECTION 2.—A member can hold active membership in but one Temple.

SECTION 3.—Affiliation is a matter solely between the applicant and the Temple to which he applies. A Noble of the Mystic Shrine, holding a dimitt from a legal Temple, may present his petition to any Temple of the Order.

SECTION 4.—An offense committed by a Noble, which has caused his suspension or expulsion in any Order, membership in which is a prerequisite to this Order, such expulsion or suspension must similarly affect his standing in his Temple.

SECTION 5.—A member may be suspended for non-payment of dues, and suspended or expelled for conduct unbecoming a member of the Order.

To suspend for non-payment of dues, a majority vote only of the members present at any regular meeting shall be necessary, provided notice has been given to the delinquent member that he is in arrears and an opportunity afforded him to be present.

For conduct unbecoming a member of the Order, it shall require a

vote of two-thirds of the members present to suspend membership, and a vote of three-fourths of the members present to expel a member at any regular meeting.

No member of a Temple can be suspended or expelled for conduct unbecoming a member, without formal charges being presented, notice served upon him and an opportunity afforded him to be heard in his defense.

SECTION 6. Any member of a Temple may object to the presence in his (the objector's) own Temple of any visiting member of the Order should he desire to do so.

ARTICLE XXXI.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Honorary membership may be conferred by subordinate Temples upon any member of this Order, as a compliment, by a majority vote; such membership confers no rights or privileges.

ARTICLE XXXII.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Every Temple shall annually elect its Officers and its Representative or Representatives to the Imperial Council at a stated session to be held in December, and the installation of officers shall take place immediately or at its first succeeding session. Should it be impossible to hold the election as required above, a special dispensation to hold said election must be obtained from the Imperial Potentate. In the event of the resignation of any Officer, or Representative, the Temple may elect a successor without special dispensation for that purpose; provided notice is given the members of the Temple that said election will be held.

ARTICLE XXXIII.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

Every subordinate Temple shall, on or before the 1st day of May in each year, transmit to the Imperial Recorder, in such form as shall be furnished, its annual return, accompanied by the dues to the Imperial Council, as provided by Article XVI of this Constitution.

The initiation fee of two dollars for every initiate, if not paid at date of initiation, shall accompany the annual return, in accordance with Article XVI of this Constitution.

Any Temple neglecting or refusing to make its annual returns on or before May 15th, accompanied by the fees and dues, shall be notified thereof; and if, after fifteen days' notice, it fails to fully comply, it shall be suspended by the Imperial Potentate until restored by a vote of the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XXXIV.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1.—The Imperial Council shall be competent, upon the concurrence of three-fourths of the members present at any session, to revise, amend, and alter this Constitution.

SECTION 2.—Any member intending to submit a motion relative to a change in the Constitution, Statutes, or Regulations, shall give notice thereof in writing, to the Imperial Recorder, at least two months prior to the day on which the session at which said subject is to be discussed is to be held, and notice thereof shall be inserted in the summons, otherwise no such motion shall be entertained, unless the failure to publish the same in the summons is by fault of the officer charged with the duty of issuing it.

SECTION 3.—All amendments proposed may be modified in any manner by the Imperial Council while the same is under consideration; on modification, however, shall be made not germane to the matter contained in the original proposed amendment. It shall require a two-thirds vote to change the Constitution in the case of any amendment offered, in accordance with Sections 2, 3, and 4 of this article.

SECTION 4.—All amendments to, or alterations of the Constitution and laws presented to the Imperial Council while in session, and which have not been published in the summons for that session, shall be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, who shall report upon them at the next session of the Imperial Council, when it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the representatives present to adopt the same.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

IMPROPER PUBLICATIONS.—WHEREAS, The practice of certain Temples of the Mystic Shrine, owing fealty to this Imperial Council, in introducing immoral, low, vulgar, and obscene actions and ceremonies into the ritual is rapidly and justly bringing the Order into contempt, and must finally tend to the disruption of the institution; and, inasmuch as such practices are evidently countenanced and permitted by certain Potentates and presiding officers of Temples, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Imperial Council hereby emphatically condemns all immoral and vulgar practices, and declares that a repetition of such proceedings shall be sufficient cause for the revocation of the Charter of any such Temple.

Resolved, That hereafter the Illustrious Potentate, or presiding officer for the time being, of each Temple shall be held personally responsible for not immediately arresting any attempt at such vulgarity and obscenity, and will render himself subject to expulsion from the Order.—Proceedings, 1890, page 51.

PAYMENT BY CHECK.—*Resolved*, That the Imperial Treasurer shall pay each Representative entitled to mileage and per diem by check, and take his receipt therefor. The check to be drawn on the bank or banks in which the funds are deposited.—(Proceedings, 1891, page 53.)

ARABIC CALENDAR.—*Resolved*, To make the Arabic Calendar, as prepared by Noble Charles A. Hiller, of Salina, Kan., the official calendar of the Imperial Council.—(Proceedings, 1891, page 53.)

REJECTED CANDIDATES.—*Resolved*, That hereafter the name and address, and Masonic qualifications, of all candidates rejected by subordinate Temples shall be forwarded each month to the Imperial Recorder, who shall, at the end of each month, mail to the Recorder of every Temple in the jurisdiction a printed list of such rejected candidates, together with the name of the Temple rejecting them.—(Proceedings, 1891, page 52.)

CREDENTIAL BLANKS.—*Resolved*, That the Imperial Recorder be directed to prepare a uniform credential blank, and mail them to the several Temples in ample time for filling out and presentation at the annual sessions of the Imperial Council.—(Proceedings, 1891, page 52.)

BADGE.—*Resolved*, That the Imperial Council adopt and furnish a badge, to be worn only by delegates to the Imperial Council when in session, and that the same be sent to the Potentate of each Temple by the Imperial Recorder each year, preparatory to the meeting of the Imperial Council, and the same to be delivered to the Representatives by the Potentates.—(1892 Proceedings)

JURISDICTION.—From report of Committee on Grievance; recommendation adopted: "In order that no Temple or Potentate may in future plead ignorance of Art. XIV, Sec. 2; and in order that a suitable punishment may be inflicted for the violation of the above section, it shall be the duty of the Imperial Potentate to revoke the charter of any Temple violating the provision of the section referred to until the next meeting of the Imperial Council."—(1892 Proceedings.)

TRUSTEES.—*Resolved*, That the Imperial Potentate, Imperial Treasurer, and Imperial Recorder be constituted a Board of Trustees to care for the funds and securities of the Imperial Council.—(1893 Proceedings.)

LIST OF EXPULSIONS, ETC.—*Resolved*, That the Imperial Recorder is directed to issue to all Temples, quarterly, a list of all expulsions, suspensions, and restorations reported to him.—(1893 Proceedings.)

MEETING COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE, ETC.—*Resolved*, That the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws shall be required to meet at least one day in advance of the meeting of the Imperial Council, and that at this meeting they shall be placed in possession of all papers and matters to be referred to said committee which they can have, that due consideration may be given to the important business of the session.—(Proceedings 1894.)

FORMS.

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION.

TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA:

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents that they are Knights Templar, or Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32°, and in good standing as Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, residing in ———, and State of ———, and competent to form and open a Temple of this Order, and to properly discharge the various duties thereof, according to the requirements of the Constitution, Regulations, and Edicts of the Imperial Council of the Order.

Having the welfare and prosperity of the Order at heart, and being desirous of extending its benefits to worthy Knights Templar and Thirty-second Degree Masons, they pray for a Dispensation, empowering them to form, open, and hold a regular Temple of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at ———, and State of ———, to be designated as ——— Temple, and they beg to recommend Illustrious Noble ——— to be the first Illustrious Potentate of said Temple.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	PROFESSION.	COMMANDERY.	CONSISTORY.
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PETITION FOR AFFILIATION.

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF ———
TEMPLE, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC
SHRINE:

The undersigned, a regular Noble of the Mystic Shrine, initiated in ——— Temple, stationed at ———, and last a member of ——— Temple, held at ———, as may be seen by the inclosed Certificate of Dimit, respectfully prays that he may be admitted a member of your Temple.

Signature.....

Profession.....

Age.....

Residence.....

Recommended by.....

PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP.

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE:

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE, OFFICERS, AND MEMBERS OF ———
TEMPLE, SITUATED IN ———:

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar (or Thirty-second Degree Mason), in good standing in ——— Commandery, No. — (or ——— Consistory), situated at ———, State of ———, and respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and

become a Member of your Temple. I furthermore represent that I have never previously applied for said Order, nor have I been rejected by any other Temple. If I be found worthy and my request granted, I promise to conform to all the Ceremonies, Engagements, Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council, together with those of your Temple.

Signature
 Where Born
 Date of Birth day of 18..
 Profession or Occupation.....
 Residence No Street
 Business Address No. Street
 Recommended and vouched for on the honor of
 Noble.....
 "
 Fees \$—, enclosed.

REPORT ON PETITIONS.

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF ———
 TEMPLE, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC
 SHRINE:

The Committee appointed on the within petition to make the necessary inquiries relative to ———, of ——— Commandery, No—, Knights Templar (or ——— Consistory, 32°), situated at ———, being an applicant for initiation and membership (or, for affiliation) have performed that duty, and beg leave to report ——— of the prayer of the petitioner being granted.

..... } Committee.

Balloted for ———, 18—.

CERTIFICATE OF DIMIT.

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

WHEREAS, ———, a Worthy Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and a late Member of ——— Temple, held at ———, under a Charter from the Imperial Council for North America, has regularly withdrawn from said Temple, and conformed to its By-laws; therefore he is hereby granted this testimonial of his conduct as a Worthy Noble of the Order during his continuance among us, and recommended to the favorable consideration of all True and Worthy Nobles throughout the Globe.

Witness his and our hands and the seal of the Temple, this ——— day of 18—.

Attest: (Signature)..... *Ne Varietur.*
 Residence.....
 Age..... years Profession.....
 *Illustrious Potentate.*
 *Recorder.*



DIPLOMA OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

ES SELAMU ALEIKUM.

(Signature) ———
Ne Varietur.THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE:

To all True and Faithful Nobles of the Mystic Shrine:

Know ye, that the Worthy Noble ———, who hath signed his
Name in the margin hereof, was regularly Received, Admitted, and
Constituted a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, in ——— Temple of ———,
on the ——— day of ———, 18—, and that he is duly enrolled as
such upon the Records of the Order.In Testimony Whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our Names
and affixed the Seal of the Imperial Council for North America.

{ SEAL. }

—————, *Imperial Potentate.*
Attest: ———, *Imperial Recorder.*
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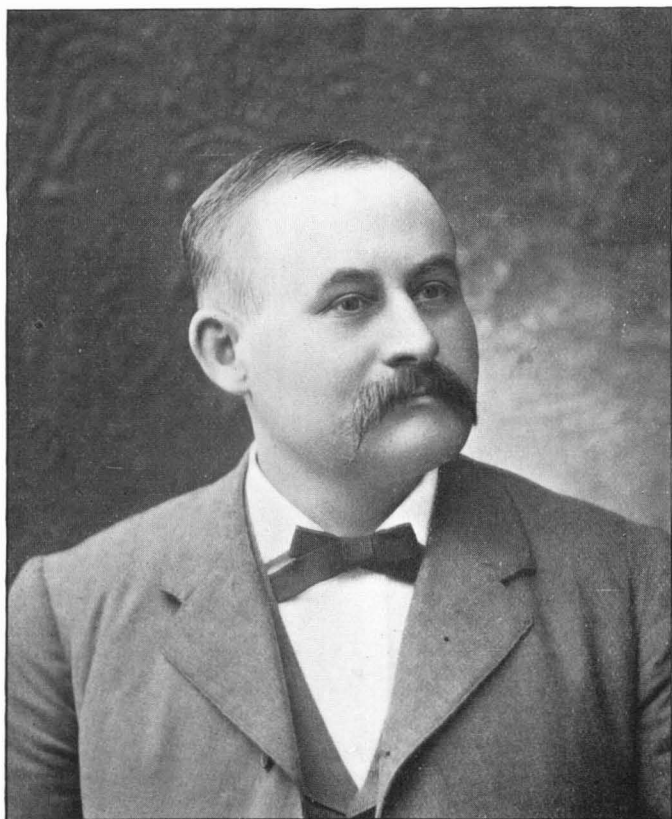
POCKET OR TRAVELING CERTIFICATE.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA:

To all True and Faithful Nobles of the Mystic Shrine:

Know ye, that the Worthy Brother ———, who hath signed his Name
in the margin hereof, was regularly Received, Admitted, and Constituted
a noble of the Mystic Shrine, in ——— Temple of ———, on the ———
day of ———, 18—, and that he is duly enrolled as such upon the Rec-
ords of the Order.In Testimony Whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our Names, and
affixed the Seal of the Imperial Council for North America.{ SEAL
IMPERIAL
COUNCIL. }—————, *Imperial Potentate.*
Attest: ———, *Imperial Recorder.*
—————Noble ——— is, at the date above written, a member in good stand-
ing in this Temple.{ LOCAL
TEMPLE
SEAL. }—————, *Recorder.*
—————, *Temple.*

Ne Varietur.



Chas. L. Field

IMPERIAL POTENTATE,

1895-96.

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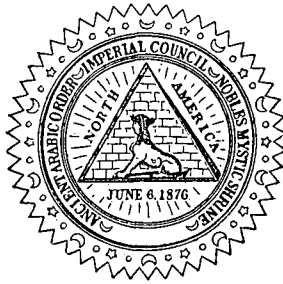
OF THE

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

انشراف المسجد سري

FOR NORTH AMERICA.

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TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS,
SEPT. 2 AND 3, 1895,
HELD AT NANTASKET, MASS.

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IMPERIAL COUNCIL,
 .ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER
 OF THE
 NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE
 FOR
 NORTH AMERICA.



OFFICERS FOR 1895 AND 1896.

CHARLES L. FIELD	<i>Imperial Potentate</i>
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.	
JOHN T. BRUSH	<i>Imperial Deputy Potentate</i>
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.	
HARRISON DINGMAN	<i>Imperial Chief Rabban</i>
WASHINGTON, D.C.	
ED. R. HARRIS	<i>Imperial Assistant Rabban</i>
DETROIT, MICH.	
A. B. MCGAFFEY	<i>Imperial High Priest and Prophet</i>
DENVER, COL.	
ETHELBERT F. ALLEN	<i>Imperial Oriental Guide</i>
KANSAS CITY, MO.	
WILLIAM S. BROWN	<i>Imperial Treasurer</i>
PITTSBURGH, PA.	
BENJAMIN W. ROWELL	<i>Imperial Recorder</i>
BOSTON, MASS.	
WILLIAM H. S. WRIGHT	<i>Imperial First Ceremonial Master</i>
ST. PAUL, MINN.	
THOMAS J. BISHOP	<i>Imperial Second Ceremonial Master</i>
GREENBUSH HEIGHTS, N.Y.	
ROBERT M. JOHNSON	<i>Imperial Marshal</i>
CHICAGO, ILL.	
JOHN H. ATWOOD	<i>Imperial Captain of Guard</i>
LEAVENWORTH, KAN.	
HORACE K. BLANCHARD	<i>Imperial Outer Guard</i>
PROVIDENCE, R.I.	

Imperial Council
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Ancient Arabic Order

OF THE

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

اشرف المسجيد سري

FOR NORTH AMERICA.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION,
1895.

IN compliance with the decision of the special Committee on time and place of the next meeting appointed at the twentieth annual session, held at Denver, Colorado, July 24 and 25, 1894, the Twenty-first Annual Session of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America was held at the Rockland House, Nantasket Beach, commencing on Monday, Sept. 2, 1895, at 10 o'clock A.M.; notice of which session was issued to all Officers, Representatives and Temples, as follows :—

CALLS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER NOBLES OF THE
MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA.

OFFICE OF IMPERIAL POTENTATE,
CINCINNATI, April 30, 1895.

TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, TO ALL POTENTATES OF SUBORDINATE TEMPLES, AND TO THE NOBILITY OF OUR ORDER.

ES SELAMU ALEIKUM!

The Twenty-first Annual Session of the Imperial Council will be held at Nantasket Beach, Mass. (eight miles by steamboat and fifteen miles by rail from Boston, Mass.), on Monday and Tuesday, September 2 and 3, 1895.

The first day's session will commence at 10 o'clock A.M.

The Headquarters of the Congress will be at the Rockland House.

The rate agreed upon by the Hotel proprietor is \$3.50 per day per person (American plan).

All Nobles who will be in attendance are respectfully requested to correspond with Noble Benjamin W. Rowell, Recorder of Aleppo Temple, 28 School Street, Boston, Mass., in reference to rooms, that accommodations may be secured in time, as the capacity of the Hotel is limited.

Potentates and Representatives are requested to transmit to the Imperial Recorder, immediately, all Amendments to the Constitution, etc., that the same may be printed in the Official Call for the session which will be issued on July 1, as required by the Constitution.

Potentates and Recorders of Temples are hereby reminded of the change in time for making Annual Returns, and that said returns must contain full report of all work from January 1, 1894, to April 30, 1895, inclusive, making sixteen months in all; also that returns must be in the hands of the Imperial Recorder not later than May 15, 1895, and that said returns must be accompanied by checks for the amount of work still unremitted for, and also the amount of Annual Dues.

Yours in the faith,

WILLIAM B. MELISH,
Imperial Potentate.

ATTEST:

B. W. ROWELL,
Imperial Recorder.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER NOBLES OF THE
MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA.

OFFICE OF IMPERIAL POTENTATE,
CINCINNATI, O., July 1, 1895.

TO THE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, TO ALL POTENTATES OF SUBORDINATE TEMPLES, AND TO THE NOBILITY OF OUR ORDER.

ES SELAMU ALEIKUM!

The Twenty-first Annual Session of the Imperial Council will be held in the Rockland House, Nantasket Beach, Mass., on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 2 and 3, 1895. The first day's session will commence at ten o'clock A.M.

The Headquarters of the Imperial Council will be at the Rockland House, where the Imperial Potentate, Imperial Recorder and Imperial Treasurer will have apartments for the transaction of business pertaining to their respective offices.

Representatives and other Nobles desiring hotel accommodations are requested to communicate with the Imperial Recorder, Noble B. W. Rowell, No. 28 School Street, Boston, Mass., as soon as possible. Potentates and Representatives are requested to file with the Imperial Recorder, at once, all papers referring to By-Laws, Appeals, Grievances, Reports, Amendments to the Constitution, etc., that the same may be in readiness for presentation to the proper committees.

Temples under dispensation will forward to the Imperial Potentate a report of all work done under dispensation, a copy of their by-laws, and the dispensation under which they are working, that recommendation may be made to the Imperial Council.

COMMITTEES.—As required by the Constitution of the Imperial Council the Imperial Potentate announces the appointment of the following Standing Committees :—

CREDENTIALS.

HENRY C. AKIN	Nebraska.
FRANK A. DWINELL	Vermont.
JOS. SWOPE	Texas.
CHARLES A. HILLER	Kansas.
FRANK T. GILBERT	New York.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

J. B. SCHWATKA	Maryland.
J. H. PEABODY	Colorado.
JOS. W. SMITH	Indiana.
CHAS. L. FIELD	California.
JOS. S. WRIGHT	Pennsylvania.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

BENJ. F. NELSON	Missouri.
GEO. F. WHITE	Iowa.
THOS. WATERMAN	Massachusetts.
JNO. A. SCHLENER	Minnesota.
J. LEW RAKE	Pennsylvania.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

CHESTER T. DRAKE	Illinois.
LOU BURT	Michigan.
JOHN T. MARSH	Arkansas.
JAS. S. ARNOLD	Pennsylvania.
EUGENE S. ELLIOTT	Wisconsin.

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

ALLEN ANDREWS	Ohio.
GEO. H. BURNHAM	Rhode Island.
HARRISON DINGMAN	District Columbia.
JOHN H. MAURITIUS	Nebraska.
LOU B. WINSOR	Michigan.

In accordance with the Standing Resolution of the Imperial Council (1894) the above committees will meet at the Rockland Hotel, Nantasket Beach, "one day in advance of the meeting of the Imperial Council."

MILEAGE AND PAY OF REPRESENTATIVES.

LOUIS P. ECKER	Virginia.
T. W. HUGO	Minnesota.
HENRY STOWELL	New York.
MERWIN JACKSON	Ohio.
HENRY A. COLLINS	Canada.

TRANSACTIONS OF IMPERIAL OFFICERS.

JNO. WESTLEY GEIGER	Iowa.
HUGH STERLING	Connecticut.
M. R. WOLFF	W. Virginia.
JAS. A. FOX	Massachusetts.
GEO. F. LODER	New York.

COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

WM. RYAN	Kentucky.
PARK DAVIS	South Dakota.
RICHARD LAMBERT	Louisiana.
JNO. H. WILES	Missouri.
SETH F. HASKINS	Illinois.

At the last session of the Imperial Council the following resolution was adopted:—

“Resolved, That the entire subject of incorporation, as made by Imperial Potentate Hudson, be referred to a special committee of three, to be appointed by the Imperial Potentate at the time he appoints the regular standing committees; and that the committee so appointed take the matter under consideration and report to the Imperial Council at its next annual session; and that in the meantime this Imperial Council does not accept the Act of Incorporation reported by the committee as the Charter of the Imperial Council.”

In accordance with the above order of the Imperial Council, I appoint as said

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INCORPORATION,

JACOB H. BROMWELL	Ohio.
GEO. D. BABBITT	Maine.
B. F. PRICE	Tennessee.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.—The following amendments to the Constitution and Law of the Imperial Council have been presented and will come before the Imperial Council for consideration and action, viz.:—

Proposed by Past Imperial Potentate Thos. J. Hudson.

To amend Sect. 2, Art. III., by inserting in the third line thereof after the words “entitled to” the following words: “of whom any member of such Temple who is at such time an officer of the Imperial Council shall be one.”

Proposed by Noble Jacob H. Bromwell.

Sect. 1, Art. V., amend by adding the words, "He may censure or suspend Temples; or discipline and suspend officers or members of Temples for violation or disobedience of the Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council, said suspension to be in force until the next session of the Imperial Council."

Proposed by Noble Levi C. Goodale.

Sect. 1, Art. XIX., change to read: "Provided also, that Temples occupying the same State or Territory may agree upon concurrent jurisdiction within or an equitable division of their territory, should they so desire; provided, also, that the Imperial Council may declare concurrent jurisdiction or an equitable division of territory between all Temples in States where more than one Temple exists," etc.

Proposed by Noble John Q. Adams.

To amend Sect. 1, Art. XIV., by inserting after the words, "Provided, also, that Temples occupying the same State or Territory may agree upon concurrent jurisdiction within their territory if they so desire," these words: "But such agreement may be terminated by any Temple within such territory by giving ten days' notice, in writing, to the other Temple or Temples in such territory of its purpose to terminate such agreement."

Proposed by Noble A. N. Sloan.

Sect. 1, Art. XIV., amend by striking out all of the section commencing with "Jurisdictional boundaries between any two Temples are determined," etc., and ending with "The latter line will constitute the jurisdictional boundary between the two Temples."

Proposed by Noble M. L. Buchwalter.

To amend Sect. 5 of Art. V., by omitting the words, "And the fees therefor shall be returned to the Imperial Council," and insert the words, "And the fees therefor shall be paid into the treasury of the Temple organized under dispensation."

Proposed by Syrian Temple, N.M.S.

To add to Sect. 5 of Art. XXX. the following in the proper places:—

"The payment of the amount of dues for the non-payment of which the member was suspended, reinstates the Noble to membership without action of the Temple."

Change that portion of Sect. 5, Art. XXX., commencing, "For conduct unbecoming a member of the Order," etc., so that it shall read, "For conduct unbecoming a member of the Order, it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the members present to suspend from membership, which suspension may be for a definite or indefinite period, and a vote of three-fourths of the members present to expel a member. A member so suspended or expelled can be reinstated only by petition to the

Temple. It shall require the consent of two-thirds of the members present to reinstate a suspended member and three-fourths to reinstate an expelled member."

Amend Art. XXXIII. so as to make the first line read, "Each subordinate Temple shall, on the first day of May in each year," etc., instead of "on or before," etc.

In the hope that Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate, may permit us all to meet in Imperial Council without the further loss by death of any of the Representatives,

I have the honor to be,

Yours in the Faith,

W. B. MELISH,

Imperial Potentate.

ATTEST:

B. W. ROWELL,

Imperial Recorder.

OPENING.

The Imperial Council was called to order by the Imperial Potentate, William B. Melish, and after invocation to Allah by the Rev. R. R. Svope, the Imperial Council was declared open in its Twenty-first Annual Session, and in order for business.

Noble Gilbert, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, reported more than five Temples represented, and a sufficient number present to open the Council.

WELCOME.

Caleb Saunders, Potentate of Aleppo Temple, welcomed the Imperial Council to the oasis of Aleppo in the following language: —

"I approach this the most pleasant duty of my official connection with Aleppo Temple — that of welcoming the Imperial Council to the oasis of Boston — with a feeling that I shall fail to find words commensurate with the occasion, words which shall express to you the great gratification that your coming among us has given to the Nobles of Aleppo Temple, the largest in your jurisdiction; and when I say your jurisdiction it includes, as it does, the universality of Masonry, the entire world, as long as from the north to the south, as broad as between east and west, as high as from earth to heavens, as deep as from the surface to the center. "The whole unbounded universe is ours." You have come to us from the oasis of the most western State, whose golden sands are washed by the mighty Pacific; from the borders of those majestic inland lakes, whose waters, chained by the mighty hand of science, are made to perform miracles of labor for mankind; from the high slopes of the Rockies and the broad prairies of the West, rich with her herds of grazing cattle and emerald products, providing provender for our camels;

from the South, whose beautiful fields are white with the product of its soil, which has given us our great prosperity, and furnished employment to our manufactories here in New England; and from the cities of our most eastern States, "sweet with the incense of their whispering pines" to sit beneath our tent and partake of our hospitalities. Here upon the shores of the broad Atlantic, fanned by its cooling breezes and breathing its ozone, you are assembled to take counsel together for the interests of our Order. On behalf of Aleppo Temple I welcome you to the oasis of Boston, and when you shall have completed your labors and returned to your homes, be they distant or near, may you carry with you the feeling gained by actual participation in these festivities that not only is Boston the Hub of the Universe, but located at the center of that Hub is Aleppo Temple. What more can I say except give you the greeting

ES SELAMU ALEIKUM."

Noble Melish, Imperial Potentate, replied in behalf of the Council, thanking Potentate Saunders and the members of Aleppo Temple for the generous welcome tendered.

Illustrious Potentate Saunders announced a banquet to be given to the members of the Imperial Council Tuesday evening, September 3, at the Rockland House, and desired all those who intended to partake thereof to notify him before the opening of the afternoon session. He further announced that there had been arranged by the Committee, appointed by Aleppo Temple, a carriage ride for the ladies in the afternoon of September 2 at 3 o'clock.

ROLL CALL.

Imperial Recorder Rowell here proceeded to call the roll, and the following responded:—

ABDALLAH TEMPLE,
John H. Atwood.
Peter J. Freling.
Clarence C. Goddard.

ACCA TEMPLE,
Louis P. Ecker.

AFIFI TEMPLE,
Hamilton Allan.

AHMED TEMPLE,
John Q. Adams.

ALADDIN TEMPLE,
John P. McCune.

ALEPPO TEMPLE,
Benjamin W. Rowell.
James A. Fox.
Thomas Waterman.
Charles H. Porter.

ALGERIA TEMPLE,
George H. Casey.

ALHAMBRA TEMPLE,
Archibald N. Sloan.

AL CHYMIA TEMPLE,
John W. Bailey.

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| AL KADER TEMPLE,
W. E. Caril. | EL KAHIR TEMPLE,
John W. Geiger.
Chas. H. French.
William N. Dearborn.
Edmond S. Childs. |
| AL KORAN TEMPLE,
Wm. J. Higgins.
Evan Morris.
Robert M. Hazeltine.
Sam Briggs (<i>ad vitam</i>). | EL KATIF TEMPLE,
John H. Shaw. |
| AL MALAIKAH TEMPLE,
Florin L. Jones.
Franklin Jordan. | EL RIAD TEMPLE,
Park Davis.
William T. Doolittle.
Frank A. Brown. |
| ALMAS TEMPLE,
Harrison Dingman.
George H. Walker.
Harry Standiford.
Frank H. Thomas. | EL ZAGAL TEMPLE,
Thomas Baker, Jr.
F. B. Fancher. |
| ARARAT TEMPLE,
Ethelbert F. Allen.
William H. Brown.
John H. Wiles.
Arnold Shanklin. | HAMASA TEMPLE,
C M. Rubush. |
| BALLUT ABYAD TEMPLE,
Wm. E. Walch. | HELLA TEMPLE,
Lawrence M. Knepfley.
Joseph Swope. |
| BEN HUR TEMPLE,
William H. Bell. | INDIA TEMPLE,
Frank Harrah. |
| BOUMI TEMPLE,
George W. Starr.
J. B. Schwatka. | ISIS TEMPLE,
Charles A. Hiller.
John F. Merrill.
James H. Reeder. |
| CYPRUS TEMPLE,
Charles H. Armatage.
Thomas J. Bishop. | ISLAM TEMPLE,
Charles L. Field.
Reuben H. Lloyd. |
| DAMASCUS TEMPLE,
George F. Loder.
William H. Whiting.
Courtland Avery. | ISMAILIA TEMPLE,
Charles W. Cushman.
Frank T. Gilbert.
George L. Brown.
Erastus C. Knight. |
| EL JEBEL TEMPLE,
Alonzo F. Vick Roy.
Silas W. Chaney.
Albert B. McGaffey. | JERUSALEM TEMPLE,
Richard Lambert. |
| EL KALAH TEMPLE,
Eben P. Newell. | KAABA TEMPLE,
George F. White.
George L. Osborn.
George M. Titus.
Cyrus T. Darling. |

KISMET TEMPLE,
Clarence E. Stump.
Frank E. Mason.

KORA TEMPLE,
George D. Babbitt.

KOSAIR TEMPLE,
William Ryan.

LU LU TEMPLE,
Joseph S. Wright.
Edward B. Jordan.
Frederick Leibbrandt.
Samuel I. Given.

MECCA TEMPLE,
Saram R. Ellison.
George W. Millar.
James McGee.
A. W. Peters.

MEDINAH TEMPLE,
F. C. Roundy.
Robert M. Johnson.
Thomas H. Currier.
William Johnston.

MEDIA TEMPLE,
Fred W. Streeter.
Danford G. Eggleston.

MOHAMMED TEMPLE,
Seth F. Haskins.

MOILA TEMPLE,
Maurice W. Steiner.

MOOLAH TEMPLE,
Benjamin F. Nelson.
Gustave W. Neimann.
Wm. H. Mayo.

MOROCCO TEMPLE,
O. Perie Havens.

MOSLEM TEMPLE,
Wm. M. Bailey.
Ed R. Harris.
Lou Burt.
Charles F. Beck.

MOUNT SINAI TEMPLE,
Frank A. Dwinell.
Elihu B. Taft.

MURAT TEMPLE,
John T. Brush.
Jos. W. Smith.
Chalmers Brown.

NAJA TEMPLE,
William J. McMakin.

ORIENTAL TEMPLE,
Henry Stowell.
Franklin O. Stiles.
Oliver Dexter, Jr.

OSIRIS TEMPLE,
Matthew R. Wolff.
Edward E. Baldwin.
R. R. Swope.

OSMAN TEMPLE,
William H. S. Wright.
T. W. Hugo.
Clarence E. Stone.

PALESTINE TEMPLE,
George H. Burnham.
Horace K. Blanchard.
Albert L. Anthony.

PYRAMID TEMPLE,
Hugh Stirling.
Thaddeus B. Beecher.
Carleton E. Hoadley.

RAJAH TEMPLE,
Philip Bissenger.

RAMESES TEMPLE,
Henry A. Collins.

SAHARA TEMPLE,
John T. Marsh.

SALAAM TEMPLE,

SALADIN TEMPLE,	TANGIER TEMPLE,
Lou B. Winsor.	James Gilbert.
Charles E. Fink.	Gustave Anderson.
Henry K. Dean.	Winfield S. Strawn.
Nelson B. Clark.	
	TRIPOLI TEMPLE,
SESOSTRIS TEMPLE,	Luther L. Caufy.
John H. Mauritius.	YAARAB TEMPLE,
SYRIA TEMPLE,	ZAMORA TEMPLE,
William S. Brown.	Wm. B. Phillips.
James S. Arnold.	
James Kerr, Jr.	ZEM ZEM TEMPLE,
Americus V. Holmes.	Frank J. Bassett.
Thos. J. Hudson (<i>ad vitam</i>)	ZIYARA TEMPLE,
	John W. Boyle.
SYRIAN TEMPLE,	Edward Brown.
Levi C. Goodale.	
Jacob H. Bromwell.	ZUHRAH TEMPLE,
Morris L. Buchwalter.	J. B. Hudson.
Allen Andrews.	Rowland H. Hartley.
Wm. B. Melish (<i>ad vitam</i>)	R. D. Russell.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

Illustrious Imperial Potentate Melish directed the members of the Council to rise as a token of fraternal respect to the memory of the Imperial Assistant Rabban, Cyrus W. Eaton, who departed this life on the 12th day of May, 1895, and stated that he would make no assignment to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Noble Eaton, and no appointment to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of Deputy Imperial Potentate Wayland Trask.

Imperial Potentate Melish at this point presented and read his annual address.

ANNUAL ADDRESS

TO THE

Imperial Council Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

FOR

NORTH AMERICA.

To the Imperial Council and to the Nobility of the Mystic Shrine throughout our Jurisdiction :

Again the Imperial Council is convened in Annual Session to take a retrospective view of the happenings of the year, to counsel together in fraternal communion concerning our Order, and to hear the reports, not only from the officers intrusted with executive and clerical duties, but also from each subordinate Temple through their chosen representatives. We are greeted with hospitality as unstinted and typical as the largest Arabic heart could wish in this the Oasis of the famed Temple Aleppo, one of the largest, wealthiest and most influential of our subordinates. The hearts and homes of tried and true-hearted nobles of our Order are ours to command. All these and other blessings and mercies must turn our hearts in grateful recognition and thankfulness to the Giver of all good, who has spared the lives of nearly all our members, prospered our Order greatly, and brought us face to face again. Well might we reëcho the promise of the Arab of old :

“They shall sit facing each other,
All grudges shall be taken out of their hearts.”

It is a little over thirteen months since we parted at the close of our last session in Denver, and my report to you as Imperial Potentate necessarily covers that period. Our fiscal year has been changed by the Imperial Council that it may end near to the usual time of our spring meeting, hence the financial reports presented at this session cover a cycle of sixteen months, from Jan. 1, 1894, to April 30, 1895.

I shall briefly present to you what appears to me to be the important events of my present term of office. Many pleasures dotted the way, and far more awaited me had I been able to turn aside from the many cares of a busy life and accept the hearty and hospitable invitations extended to me to visit various Temples. Not only did lack of time prevent, but the state of our finances forbade any expenditure not absolutely necessary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF 1893-4.

The Imperial Council, at its last session, voted a testimonial to the retiring Imperial Treasurer, Noble Joseph S. Wright, of \$500, which was paid him as soon after the close of the session as possible. A testimonial of a jewel was voted to the retiring Imperial Recorder, Noble F. M. Luce, and to carry out the order of the Imperial Council I requested the representatives of Medinah Temple, of which Noble Luce is a member, to procure the jewel and make a proper presentation of it, which they inform me was done in the body of the Temple.

The Imperial Council also ordered "that a Past Imperial Potentate's jewel be purchased for the retiring Imperial Potentate," Noble Thos. J. Hudson, who appointed Nobles James McGee, Thaddens B. Beecher and Edward B. Jordan as a committee to procure the jewel. This committee have reported that the chairman visited the Oasis of Pittsburgh, at the annual meeting of Syria Temple, and in the presence of a large gathering of the Nobility presented Illustrious Noble Hudson with a magnificent jewel in the name of the Imperial Council, to which the illustrious recipient made happy and appropriate response. The committee, however, failed to carry out the order of the Imperial Council in making the jewel that of a Past Imperial Potentate, for which an official design was adopted by this Imperial Council at its session in 1893.

The attention of the Chairman was called to this design before the Order was made. I présent the official design adopted by this Body, as well as a print of the one ordered by the Committee, that the Imperial Council may decide whether the official design shall be followed in the future should such jewels be presented. The makers of the jewel—The Edward Williams Co. of New York City—having followed the order of the committee, were entitled to the amount of their bill—\$490.00—and it was, therefore, paid.

ORDERS COMPLIED WITH.

At our last session, Moslem Temple of Detroit, Mich., was ordered to pay into the Treasury of the Imperial Council the amount of the fees paid them by Noble Jno. P. McCord. This order the Temple very promptly complied with.

Syria Temple of Pittsburgh, Pa., having claimed that two Nobles of Kismet Temple of Brooklyn, N.Y., had been guilty of irregular infringe-

ment upon the territorial rights of Syria Temple, the Imperial Council ordered "that in the cases of Nobles Wm. P. Bennett and Edward C. Blohm the punishment be left to Kismet Temple."

It was not until December 8 that I obtained a report of the action of Kismet Temple. Potentate Wayland Trask reports that he had "conferred with Noble Thos. J. Hudson, Potentate of Syria Temple, upon the matter. Noble Hudson agreed that his Temple would be satisfied if Kismet Temple would censure Noble Blohm (the recommender) for his connection with the matter, but that in his opinion Wm. P. Bennett (the candidate) should be suspended by Kismet Temple; still, he was willing to leave that matter to Kismet Temple."

A vote of censure of Noble Blohm was unanimously passed on October 29, and inscribed on the records of Kismet Temple.

Subsequently a commission was appointed "to investigate the conduct of Wm. P. Bennett at the time of his admission to the Temple." This commission subsequently reported as follows: "It is the judgment of your committee, upon the evidence adduced in the examination of Noble Wm. P. Bennett, that the territory and rights of Syria Temple have not been invaded, and that Noble Wm. P. Bennett is and should be proclaimed a member of Kismet Temple in good standing, and his rights as such protected," which was accordingly done by vote of the Temple. This action was directly the opposite of the finding of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals at the last session of the Imperial Council.

At the last session "The Imperial Potentate was instructed by vote to communicate with the representative of the American government in Turkey in reference to the Nishkian case." It will be remembered that Noble Nishkian, a member of Ararat Temple of Kansas City, invoked the aid of the Imperial Council to secure a revocation of what he claimed were indignities and oppressions upon his family in Armenia.

I took the matter up, but found it surrounded by such delicate international questions that it became probable that the greatest injury would be done to Noble Nishkian by any attempt upon our part, as a fraternity, to seek redress. The correspondence had with the State Department at Washington, with the American Consul at Smyrna, and with others, was laid before Noble Nishkian, and he fully concurred in our view of the matter, and requested that the matter be dropped, which was accordingly done.

TIME AND PLACE OF THIS MEETING.

Complying with the order of the Imperial Council, I appointed as my associates on "a committee to select a place of meeting," Nobles B. W. Rowell and E. R. Harris. We selected Nantasket Beach as the best place near the meeting place of the Templar triennial, and the Imperial Council has been here convened.

DISSEMINATION OF THE RITUAL.

Being charged with the duty of promulgating rules and regulations for the distribution of the newly-adopted Ritual of the Order, I aided the Chairman of the Ritual Committee, Illustrious Noble Geo. H. Walker, in the preparation of the ritual for the printer's hands, and under our direction it was printed. I bear testimony to the care displayed by Noble Walker in securing the completion of the work by members of the Order in a painstaking manner, which secured the secrecy of the publication, and at a very moderate expense. Noble Walker delivered all of the rituals to the Imperial Recorder, taking his receipt therefor. The Imperial Recorder issued the rituals in exchange for the old ones, limiting the issue to not more than three copies to any one Temple — that being our statutory requirement — and has made a Ritual Register showing to whom each ritual has been issued. Such has been the intelligent care displayed by Nobles Walker and Rowell that each Temple has been supplied with the new rituals, and the copies of the old collected and held subject to the orders of the Imperial Council. I recommend, therefore, that the Imperial Recorder be ordered to call together the representatives of Aleppo Temple of Boston, as witnesses, and that he destroy the old rituals and certify to that fact to the Imperial Council at its next session.

Another duty imposed upon the Imperial Potentate and Imperial Recorder was the correction and adjustment of the amounts over-paid and under-paid in the pay-roll of the last session. This was done as rapidly as possible, resulting in the payment to those justly entitled to receive the same the sum of \$693.53, and the refunder to the treasury of \$599.84 improperly paid out.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

When the Imperial Council adjourned in Denver last year it was bankrupt. After the payment of the amounts ordered by the body there was a shortage. It thus became necessary to reduce expenses to the minimum, and to discontinue, as far as possible, the practice of making inspections or visits to Temples, either by the Imperial Potentate or deputies.

It has sometimes been the practice of the Imperial Council to expend all the moneys on hand at the date of the annual meeting regardless of the fact that much of the fund does not belong to the fiscal year which the Imperial Council is called upon to review. Thus, the Imperial Council, when it met in July of last year, not only endorsed the expenditure of its trust funds of over \$2,000, and the receipts of the year ending December 31, 1893, but also expended every cent of its earnings for the six months prior to the session in July, amounting to nearly \$5,000. This sort of financial policy is, of course, suicidal, and it remains for the Imperial Council, by wise and prudent consideration, to limit its

expenditures, if possible, to the income of the year ending with April 30 last, and thus make each fiscal year stand by itself. We have funds on hand belonging to that year amounting to \$8,878.16, which should be sufficient to defray the expenses of this session.

TRANSFER OF OFFICES, BONDS, ETC.

The transfer of the funds from Past Imperial Treasurer Wright to his successor was made through the office of the Imperial Recorder, there being a small balance of \$244.43 to turn over. Imperial Treasurer Wm. S. Brown was thus enabled to start his accounts direct with the Imperial Recorder, and covering the amounts only that were received by that officer for the present fiscal year. The bond of Noble Wright was cancelled, and a new bond given for the unexpired term of the old in the name of Wm. S. Brown, Imperial Treasurer. The bond expired on July 25, and, after consultation with the Imperial Treasurer, I obtained a bond in the Fidelity and Deposit Co., of Baltimore, Md., in the same amount of indemnity (\$20,000), and for a year at an expense of \$100, a saving of \$150 over the amount paid last year.

To transfer the books, papers, accounts and other property of the Imperial Council from Past Imperial Recorder Frank M. Luce to the present incumbent, I accompanied Noble Rowell to Chicago on our way home from Denver, and arranged for a transfer of the property, and that an inventory be made of the same. The transfer was made and the inventory delivered. In checking over the latter it was found that quite a lot of bulky furniture belongs to the Imperial Council. I requested the Potentate of Medinah Temple, Noble Wm. M. Knight, to attend to the proper care of this property. The furniture was accordingly taken in charge by Noble Knight and stored by my order in a warehouse in Chicago, subject to the orders of the Imperial Council.

Inasmuch as Imperial Recorder Rowell has a fully equipped office, the property had better be disposed of by sale. The bond of the retiring Imperial Recorder was cancelled, and a new one issued to cover the liability of Imperial Recorder B. W. Rowell.

TEMPLES CONSTITUTED UNDER CHARTER.

INDIA TEMPLE OF OKLAHOMA, O. T.

Charters having been granted to India Temple of Oklahoma City, O. T.; Ahmed Temple of Marquette, Mich., and Aladdin Temple of Columbus, O., it became the duty of the Imperial Potentate, under the Constitution, to either constitute the new Temples in person or by a special deputy appointed for that purpose. Owing to the long distance and expense of reaching Oklahoma in person, I commissioned the nearest Imperial Council officer, the Imperial Oriental Guide, Noble E. F. Allen,

as my special deputy to constitute India Temple under its charter. This he did on Dec. 31, 1894, as shown in his official report, which is as follows:—

KANSAS CITY, MO., Jan. 14, 1895.

WILLIAM B. MELISH, Esq.

Imperial Potentate, Cincinnati, O.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR:

Agreeable to your favor of Dec. 6, 1894, in which you commissioned me as your deputy for the special purpose of visiting and inspecting India Temple, located in the City of Oklahoma, in Oklahoma Territory, I would respectfully report as follows:—

I arrived in the City of Oklahoma at 12 M. on the 31st day of December and was most hospitably received by the Nobles of India Temple. India Temple was called to order by its presiding officer at seven o'clock in the evening. Following the transaction of regular business, the Order of the Mystic Shrine was conferred upon eleven candidates, and in a manner highly creditable to so young a Temple. The work of the Ritual, adopted at the last Imperial Council, held at Denver, Col., was carried out in every particular. At the completion of the ceremonies the Nobles repaired to the banquet hall, where an elaborate "spread" was awaiting them.

The paraphernalia of the Temple is sufficiently complete for first-class work, and is of a desirable character. The costumes, while they are not as elegant as those of some larger and older Temples, at the same time seem most appropriate for the work.

The hall in which India Temple holds its meetings is certainly desirable. It is large and spacious, with a requisite number of ante-rooms, together with a banquet-room in which can be seated three or four hundred Nobles, if necessary.

The hall in which the work is conducted is about sixty feet wide and eighty feet long, with a large gallery extending the entire length of one side. This place of meeting would be a credit to a much larger and older city than Oklahoma. It hardly seems possible, when we take into consideration the short time which has elapsed since the opening up of this new country, that a city containing homes for ten thousand people should be built, with public edifices which compare favorably with some of the older and very much larger cities of our country.

I desire to state further that from my personal observations I am satisfied beyond any question that the individual membership of India Temple embraces the intelligence and true spirit of the Nobility, and, in fact, is worthy of comparison with any Temple of our illustrious Order. In fact, I am sure that India Temple has a bright future, and that with the vast area of wealth which extends from Oklahoma in every direction,

which is becoming rapidly populated by an intelligent people, that her numbers must increase, and that material will be ample to support and sustain a prosperous Temple of the Order.

Thanking you for such courtesy, I remain yours in the faith,

ETHELBERT F. ALLEN,
Special Deputy.

AHMED TEMPLE OF MARQUETTE, MICH.

When Ahmed Temple of Marquette, Mich., was ready to be constituted under its charter, I found it impossible to go to that distant point in person. I therefore commissioned Illustrious Noble John Q. Adams of Marquette as my deputy. He reports that he constituted the Temple, installed its officers, and was then in turn installed as Potentate by the Chief Rabban. This Temple started off in good shape and has almost doubled its membership. The chief industry of Northern Michigan, iron ore mining, has been greatly depressed and yet this vigorous little Temple has accumulated property to the amount of \$2,000, has a membership of over one hundred and fifty, and is in every way a credit to the Imperial Council.

ALADDIN TEMPLE OF COLUMBUS, O.

Aladdin Temple of Columbus, O., soon after receiving its charter made its arrangements to be constituted, which I was able to do in person on Oct. 29, 1894. I received a most hospitable welcome, as did also the large number of visiting Shriners from various Oases. The ceremonies began at four o'clock P.M., with the ceremonies of constituting the Temple and installing the newly elected official divan. This was followed by the initiation of thirty-eight candidates, the work concluding about 7.30 P.M. The Temple and its guests then marched to the City Hall, which had been elaborately decorated, and here the ladies of the Nobles awaited them. A fine banquet was served, some four hundred ladies and gentlemen being seated. After the banquet a reception was held by the Imperial Potentate and officers of Aladdin Temple, after which dancing ruled the hour and appropriately closed the pleasures of the day and evening.

Aladdin Temple has sole jurisdiction over twenty-four counties in Ohio. It was started but a little over a year ago with ninety-two members. It now presents its annual report, showing a membership Dec. 31, 1894, of two hundred and eighty-five members, and property in paraphernalia, furniture, cash, etc., of \$3,000.

NEW TEMPLES UNDER DISPENSATIONS.

KOREIN TEMPLE, RAWLINS, WY.

On Aug. 29, 1894, I received a petition signed by Jas. M. Rumsey, Jr., and others of Rawlins, Wy., asking for a dispensation to form and open a Temple of the Order in that city and State. The petition was signed by a number who were not yet Shriners, and was accompanied by a check for \$150, the amount of the dispensation fee. I investigated the matter thoroughly and came to the conclusion that the petition should be granted. At about this time I received word from the Nobles of Tangier Temple of Omaha, Neb., that they were willing to send their working officers to Rawlins to aid in planting a Shrine in Wyoming. I therefore appointed Illustrious Noble Henry C. Akin, a member of this Imperial Council, as my special proxy, empowering him to go to Rawlins and act in the premises, delegating him my powers as given under the Constitution. I present herewith his report, showing that he gave most careful and intelligent attention to the matter and secured the best results.

OASIS OF OMAHA, NEB., Oct. 12, 1894.

WILLIAM B. MELISH, ESQ.,

Imperial Potentate, Cincinnati, O.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR:

In accordance with your request and instructions and acting under your commission as Deputy for the Imperial Potentate, I left Omaha for Rawlins, Wy., on Sunday, October 7, reaching Rawlins on the afternoon of Monday the 8th. Accompanying me were the officers of Tangier Temple, Omaha, Tangier Temple having previously received the petitions of eleven candidates and elected them.

Upon the request of the Potentate of Tangier Temple, and acting as your proxy, I conferred the order upon the eleven gentlemen by communication.

The eleven Nobles thus obligated were as follows: James M. Rumsey, Jr., John C. Davis, William Lloyd Ash, Perry L. Smith, Theodore P. Hensall, William H. Smith, Edwin T. Burke, Isaac C. Miller, Henry Elmer Wadsworth, William Daley and Ralph M. Friend. These Nobles petitioned me as the Imperial Potentate for a dispensation, and acting as your Deputy I granted the same in the following language:—

“Nobles, under and by virtue of my commission as Deputy of the Imperial Potentate, I grant your petition for dispensation and hereby institute Korein Temple N.M.S., Rawlins, Wy. You have now ceased to be active members of Tangier Temple, and constitute Korein Temple, which I now declare to be open informally.”

I then placed Noble James M. Rumsey, Jr., in charge of the Temple as its first Potentate, using the following language: “By order of the

Imperial Potentate of North America, I do now place Noble James M. Rumsey, Jr., in charge of Korein Temple, whom I will now proceed to install as its Potentate under dispensation."

Noble Rumsey assumed his station, and the new Temple formally requested Tangier Temple to do the work for them in the evening upon some forty-two candidates. In behalf of Tangier Temple I accepted the pleasant duty, after which I left them to pursue their own course.

In the evening, Tangier Temple opened in the Court House, which had been arranged by some of our people several days in advance, and conferred the orders in due and ample form upon forty-two novices. In the class was included the eleven who were obligated in the afternoon.

From beginning to end everything passed off pleasantly and exactly as it should be done. Tangier Temple and Korein Temple are thoroughly well pleased with the work and the auspicious beginning. All your instructions were followed out carefully, and I am certain that had you been present, there would have been no criticism upon anything that was done from the start to the finish.

I enclose herewith the application for dispensation in due form, signed by the eleven nobles.

Trusting my action has been satisfactory, I remain,

Yours in the Faith,

HENRY C. AKIN,

Deputy.

Korein Temple presents its report to date showing fifty-four members, property to the amount of \$1,575, and all the requisites for first-class work and continued prosperity.

I take great pleasure in recommending that the Imperial Council grant them a charter.

TEBALA TEMPLE OF ROCKFORD, ILLS.

The Imperial Council at its last session granted a dispensation to Tebala Temple to be located at Rockford, Ills. Immediately at the close of the session I placed myself in communication with Illustrious Noble G. R. Atkinson, and others of the nobility in Rockford, and aided them in every way towards starting their Temple under the most favorable auspices. October 18th was chosen as the day for the initial work, and I accepted the urgent invitation of the Rockford nobles, and officially inspected their equipments of paraphernalia and furniture, and witnessed their first work. My trip from Chicago to Rockford was made with Medinah Temple as an escort, that high honor being paid me by that body. Illustrious Potentate W. M. Knight, with his official divan, and over three hundred of his members, was in charge of the special train. Reaching Rockford, everybody, from the Imperial Potentate to the latest

candidate, participated in a street parade, which will doubtless be remembered in that city for years to come. After lunch, the initiation took place in the Masonic Building, nearly one hundred sons of Arabia reaching the ideal Mecca. The equipment of Tebala Temple is magnificent, its officers competent and well versed in the ritual, and its prestige in its State will be second only to its mother temple, Medinah of Chicago. At the close of the work, nearly 11 o'clock, everybody repaired to the Nelson House, where a magnificent banquet of four hundred and fifty covers had been prepared. The banquet hall was appropriately decorated, and formed a pleasing contrast to the highly colored fezzes of the Shriners. It was the midnight hour when the toastmaster, Illustrious Noble G. S. Roper, rapped for order, and fair Luna almost gave place to lusty Sol before the last response was uttered. The return trip of the special train was made at a very early hour in the morning, and the instituting of Tebala Temple under its dispensation passed into history. Illustrious Noble George R. Atkinson was placed in charge of the Temple while under dispensation, and has proved himself to be efficient and capable in the highest degree. The report presented by the Temple, and an examination of its books, will undoubtedly justify the issuing of a charter to Tebala Temple, and I heartily recommend that this be done.

OASIS TEMPLE OF CHARLOTTE, N.C.

In September, 1894, I received an application signed by Noble W. T. Liddell, and the requisite number of petitioners residing in Charlotte, N.C., praying for a dispensation to form and open a Temple in North Carolina, and in their city, said Temple to be called Oasis Temple. After a full investigation of the territory to be occupied, and desiring to establish our Order in the Carolinas, I granted the dispensation, and appointed the Illustrious Noble W. S. Liddell as the first Potentate. It was not until late in the fall that the dispensation was issued, and the next two or three months were spent in buying paraphernalia, and properly fitting up the Temple and learning the ritual. The long distance from my home and the expense involved, compelled me to decline the courteous invitation of the Charlotte Nobles to inspect their first work and greet their first class of candidates. On Jan. 18, 1895, the Temple commenced its work under dispensation, having nineteen candidates and a large number of visiting Nobles. Acca Temple of Richmond, Va., sent quite a delegation headed by Illustrious Representative and Past Potentate Louis P. Ecker, and Past Potentates Geo. L. Street and E. D. Hotchkiss, all Nobles competent to advise or direct the new Temple. These and other gentlemen report the work well done, the Temple well equipped, and the Nobles, especially the active and energetic officers, entitled to the highest commendation. The Temple met in their elegant new hall in the Davidson building, and after the work repaired with

their guests to the Masonic Temple where a sumptuous repast was served, enlivened by hospitality, song, speech and fraternal good feeling, which convinced every one present that no mistake had been made in locating a Temple in the Oasis of Charlotte. Oasis Temple will present its papers, records and report at this session, and request that a charter be granted them, which request I endorse and trust that their wish may be gratified.

THE SHRINE IN MEXICO.

For two years or more it has been reported annually, either to the Imperial Potentate or to the Imperial Council, that a Temple of our Order, if located in the City of Mexico, could not fail of being a great success, and that there was a wide-spread desire on the part of eligible Masons in the Republic of Mexico, to obtain a dispensation for that purpose. Having some knowledge of the peculiar relations existing in some of the so-called higher bodies of Mexican Masonry, I doubted the advisability of either making Shriners in Mexico or locating a Temple there. Having an opportunity of making a thorough canvass of the matter, without expense to the Imperial Council, and by a Noble thoroughly posted and competent to advise, I commissioned Illustrious Noble O. P. McCarty, of Syrian Temple of Cincinnati, but now a resident in New Orleans, as my Deputy to visit the City of Mexico and report. I received the following written report from Noble McCarty, and have since had a more complete verbal report. I agree with him that the time has not yet arrived when it is either wise or desirable to take steps to establish our Order in Mexico:

NEW ORLEANS, July 4, 1895.

WILLIAM B. MELISH, Esq.,

Imperial Potentate, Cincinnati, O.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR:

By the authority vested in me under your order of June 12, I have visited the Republic of Mexico, and made a thorough investigation as to the feasibility and desirability of establishing a Temple of our Order in that territory, and beg to submit herewith my report.

1. There is but one Knights Templar Commandery in the Republic, with a comparatively small membership, located in the City of Mexico, holding stated meetings about once in six months, and, as I am informed, having but little work to do, there not being much interest taken in York Rite Masonry.

2. There are comparatively few Consistory Masons for the following reasons: Under the Masonic Laws governing Scottish Rite bodies in Mexico, it requires one year to pass from the 3° — Master Mason's — to the 18° — Rose Croix; one year additional from the 18° to the 30°; one

year from the 30° to 31°; two years from the 31° to 32° — Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret — and three years from the 32° to the 33°.

You will see from this that five years must elapse from the Master Mason's degree before a candidate passing through the Scottish Rite bodies in Mexico would attain the 32°, and become eligible to membership in the Shrine under laws governing the creating of Nobles in North America.

3. I conferred with Sr. Luis Pombo, Commander-in-Chief, and Dr. J. N. Castellanos, Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council S.P.R.S., 32°, as well as a number of other Masons in high standing. I could get nothing conclusive from the native or Mexican brethren; they all gave me the same advice, *i.e.*, print in Spanish a prospectus of the Shrine, giving some idea of its work and purposes, and distribute this generally in various Consistories and the Commandery in Mexico, and in this way call the attention of eligible brethren to the proposed movement. This I did not think would accomplish the desired end.

4. I then visited Noble C. H. My Agramonte, 33°, and a member of Mecca Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., New York City. Noble Agramonte informed me that he had been at work in the interest of the Shrine for several years, endeavoring to get up a class in the City of Mexico, and is of the opinion that it can only be made successful by instituting a first Temple with strictly American candidates, and he is satisfied that he can get up a first class of at least twenty-five, who are eligible under the present laws governing the Shrine of North America, but that the Imperial Council will have to grant a special dispensation in favor of the Republic of Mexico and admit Rose Croix, 18°, Scottish Rite Masons, to membership in the Shrine, when he is satisfied that a large class can be organized to take the degree some time next winter.

5. I left with Noble Agramonte my copy of the Constitution. I understand that it requires two months' notice in advance to change in any way the Constitution or By-Laws of the Imperial Council.

If you think it advisable to make the exception suggested, *i.e.*, admit 18° Masons, in the Republic of Mexico, to membership in the Shrine, please take necessary steps to have the matter presented in proper form to the Imperial Council.

6. There is a lot of good material for the Shrine in the Republic of Mexico, provided the exception proposed could be made, but the work is so slow in Scottish Rite bodies after the 18°, that I think it would be impossible to make a satisfactory showing this year, unless the change proposed can be made.

7. In conclusion, I wish to say that I was cordially received by all Masons to whom your letter was presented, and was assured always of a cordial reception to all Masons visiting the Republic, either as individuals, or in organized bodies, and the Commander-in-Chief and Grand Secretary General wished me to convey to you their fraternal greetings,

and to extend to yourself and brethren over whom you preside a hearty welcome should a pilgrimage to our sister republic be determined upon.

Kindly advise me at your early convenience your views on the matter covered in this report, also advise if you have any further orders for me in this direction.

Yours in the faith,

O. P. McCARTY,

Deputy.

THE SHRINE IN ENGLAND.

Within the last two months I received a communication from Illustrious Noble H. A. Collins, Potentate of Rameses Temple of Toronto, Canada, asking for a dispensation to confer the Order in England, where he was about to make a visit. I called the Illustrious Noble's attention to the fact that the Constitution forbids the communication of the Order upon any one except in the case of petitioners for a new Temple in unoccupied territory, and then only for the purpose of instituting the new Shrine with the legal number of members. I requested Noble Collins to investigate the situation in London and other large cities in England and report to the Imperial Council at this session if possible as to the advisability of making an effort to introduce the Order of the Shrine into England or other parts of the United Kingdom.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE DWIGHT BYINGTON.

During the past year the Black Camel—Death—has knelt before the tents of three distinguished members of the Imperial Council. The first to answer the dread summons was our beloved Noble Dwight Byington of Leavenworth, Kan. At our last meeting he was present, with body in an enfeebled condition, but with soul and spirit as undaunted as ever. He was accompanied on his trip to Denver by his devoted wife, whose interest in the affairs of the Imperial Council was no less than that of her distinguished husband. Regarding the life of Noble Byington I can find no words so fitting as the following "In Memoriam," issued by the Masonic bodies and the Temple of our Order, of which he was a devoted and honored member.

Those who knew him best, and consequently loved and honored him most, have this wreath of laurel to lay upon his grave:—

In Memoriam.

The Power Supreme that in every age and clime has been adored in the exercise of a wisdom passing the understanding that is incident to our finitude, has called our Brother, Companion, Sir Knight and Noble,

DWIGHT BYINGTON;

to the unseen Lodge, the viewless Temple, the peaceful Asylum, that lies beyond the veil that separates the immortal from the mortal.

He was a living exposition of the great truth that chivalry died not with Sidney, nor ceased to exist among men when hanberk rusted and tourney passed away. The crystal way of the lake, by whose shore his eyes first saw the light, never more faithfully mirrored the pure rays of the stars than his soul reflected the knightly virtues of steadfastness, truth and personal honor.

He fought the battles of life with Saxon openness, and endured the sufferings of his long and painful illness with a patience and fortitude that demonstrated more plainly than many words his reliance on the Great Master, whose memorable words are the only consolation for the dying.

The various Masonic bodies that he honored by affiliation and which delighted to honor him, recognize that in his taking off they have lost a Brother, Companion, Sir Knight and Noble, whose great devotion to the great cause of Masonry was exceeded by none; that the City of Leavenworth has lost one of its most valued citizens, and that that estimable woman, his wife, whose devoted husband for forty years he was, has lost a companion who made pleasant the thorny places in the pathway of life, and augmented by his presence life's every pleasure. Therefore,

KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 10, A.F. and A.M.,
LEAVENWORTH CHAPTER, No. 2, R.A.M.,
LEAVENWORTH COUNCIL, No. 1, R. and S.M.,
LEAVENWORTH COMMANDERY, No. 1, K.T.,
ABDALLAH TEMPLE, A.A.O.N. Mystic Shrine,

sitting in united assembly, do adopt the foregoing as a feeble expression of the great esteem in which they held him, and the deep affection which they always bore him; and do

Resolve, That they extend their most profound sympathy to the widow, bowed by a sorrow past the consolation of human lips, but who will find in her husband's old associates, brothers by the mighty bonds of Masonry, who will prove no less kind than kin could be; and do

Resolve, That these sentences be spread upon the records of each of the bodies herein participating, and that an engrossed copy of the same be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

Noble Byington was born in Norwich, N.Y., on Feb. 20, 1831, and died at Leavenworth, Kan., Oct. 19, 1894. He had been Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Master of the Council, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Commander, and at the time of his death was Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery and Grand Secretary of the Grand Council of Kansas. Noble Byington was early attracted to the social

and fraternal pleasures of the Shrine, being one of the first Templars in Kansas to unite himself with the Order. He was an honored member of Abdallah Temple, N.M.S., of Leavenworth, and for a number of years a member of the Imperial Council. His funeral services were held under the auspices of the Grand Commandery of Kansas, and was attended by several thousand sympathizing friends.

"After life's fitful fever he sleeps well."

"Glory to God who transported His servant to the Unseen Temple."

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE JNO. S. ROGERS.

In February last I received the sad news of the death of Illustrious Noble Jno. S. Rogers of Providence, R.I., Chief Rabban of Palestine Temple of that Oasis and a member of the Imperial Council, whose death occurred on Feb. 14, 1895, after a short illness from pneumonia. Noble Rogers was born in Providence, Oct. 27, 1850, and was in the prime of vigorous manhood when called to the life beyond. He was unmarried and had devoted much of his time to the promoting and building up of the interests of Masonry and the Shrine in his native city. He was a Templar of St. John's Commandery and a 32° Mason of Providence Consistory, S.P.R.S. In public life Noble Rogers had held many positions of trust, being, at the time of his death, the Sanitary Inspector of the Board of Health of Providence. His funeral was largely attended, and was conducted under the direction of the Masonic bodies of which he was a member.

All who knew "Jack" Rogers, whether in public or private life, whether a mere acquaintance or a brother in fraternal ties, testify to his sterling worth. Genial, whole-souled, enthusiastic in everything he engaged in, he was a true friend.

"His voice of mirth has ceased
Amidst the vineyards! There is left no place
For him whose dust receives your vain embrace,
At the gay evening feast.
Earth must take earth to moulder on her breast;
Come near! Weep o'er him! Bear him to his rest!"

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE CYRUS W. EATON,

Imperial Assistant Rabban.

For weeks prior to his death the life of our beloved Noble Cyrus W. Eaton seemed wavering in the balance. Informed of his serious condition by devoted friends, it was my privilege and great pleasure to convey to him from time to time messages of cheer and hope, and to receive from him words of love but calm resignation that if the hovering clouds were to close in about him and take him from us, he was pre-

pared to go like a man and face the inevitable with the dauntless spirit that characterized him when on the earth.

Cyrus W. Eaton was born Sept. 21, 1837, at Bloomington, Vt. On Sunday morning, May 12, 1894, his tired body became untenanted clay, his spirit having returned to the God who gave him creation and sent him to this world to give light to darkened pathways, to give joy to family and friends and to make the world the better by his living in it. Noble Eaton was so widely known and so highly respected that thousands thronged to pay their last tribute of respect to his mortal remains. His funeral was conducted by the Grand Commandery of Iowa, and was a solemn pageant which will never be forgotten by the city where he had spent so many useful years and which he had served so faithfully. The following "In Memoriam" notice was issued to the Temples of our Order that they might share in the loss sustained not only by El Kahir Temple but by the Order at large:—

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION.

To the Potentates, Rabbans and Nobles Throughout our Jurisdiction.

AFFLICTION! DISTRESS! SORROW!

OUR IMPERIAL ASSISTANT RABBAN IS DEAD.

For sixteen weeks disease had held him captive, and all the while death stood in the shadow waiting. Noble C. W. Eaton was born in Bloomington, Vt., on Sept. 21, 1837. He had been a resident of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, since February, 1869, serving that city as Mayor for several years and in many other public capacities, his administrations being marked with the same energy and ability which made him prosperous in his private undertakings.

Noble Eaton leaves a wife, to whom, in her hour of bereavement, we tender the sympathy of his sorrowing brethren in our Order. While Mr. Eaton was well known throughout the Northwest as a successful business man and public-spirited citizen, he was, perhaps, most widely known as a prominent, active, enthusiastic Mason and Shriner. He was a Past Grand Commander of Iowa Knights Templars and a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32°.

When El Kahir Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was organized in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in February, 1886, Noble Eaton was elected Potentate, and filled the position continuously until the day of his death. He was elected Imperial Chief Rabban of the Imperial Council at Denver, Colo., in July, 1894. In all of the civic, fraternal or social positions to which Noble Eaton was called, he showed executive ability of the highest order. He was never known to shirk a duty or betray a trust. Honest and fearless in the discharge of duty, firm and faithful to his convictions of what he believed to be right, he was governed by a high sense of duty in making up the record of his life.

Such is but the briefest outline of Noble Eaton's life. His funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 14, 1895, under the auspices of the Knight Templars and the Shrine, the Imperial Council and many Temples being represented by sad, loving friends.

As a memorial of our Noble Shareef, all Temples are hereby commanded for the full term of the next three Crescent moons, after this mandate, within the Mystic Sanctuaries of the Shrine, to drape their Altars and Tombs with the insignia of mourning, and let the Symbolic Funeral Urn be placed upon the sacred Black Stone, there to exhale incense during all ceremonials. Inscribe this mandate upon your Temple records that we may record and imitate our Noble's virtues and his death improve.

In obedience to the Decrees of Allah,

Yours in the faith,

WILLIAM B. MELISH,

Attest:

Imperial Potentate.

B. W. ROWELL,

Imperial Recorder.

INSPECTIONS OF TEMPLES BY DEPUTIES.

During the past year no formal inspections or visits by deputies have been made. The various Temples were communicated with, and it was ascertained that in many the new ritual could not be exemplified until classes of candidates were ready, and that this would take months. Then the knowledge of the financial embarrassment of the Imperial Council made the strictest economy necessary. I am of the opinion that a system of inspection of work, paraphernalia and rooms by the Imperial Potentate or his deputies would be of great benefit to the Order and to the Temples visited. The law requires uniformity of ritual, and it is highly essential that the law be enforced. There is a laxity in keeping proper accounts and books in some Temples, and also an impression that the officers of the Temple or the Temple itself can make laws to suit their desires, or as occasion may require. A review of the minute books of some Temples would show that the members of the Temple have almost no voice in the proceedings, and that a small, self-appointed clique control and direct matters to suit themselves. All these things can be remedied if the Imperial Potentate is vested with power to control the subordinate Temples, their officers and members.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS BY THE IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

When we met last year in Annual Session I promised to visit a number of the Temples if possible at some time during the year, but for reasons already given it was found to be inexpedient to do so. Invitations have been extended to me on all hands, and I was made to feel that my

presence would be welcomed at many a social feast. To all but one I was forced to decline. On Thanksgiving afternoon I attended the first work in the new ritual of Kosair Temple of Louisville, and enjoyed the hospitality of that whole-souled body. Illustrious Past Potentate Wm. Ryan conferred the Order in his usual faultless style, and all present praised the new work. In the evening the Nobles of Kosair and their ladies tendered the Imperial Potentate and his wife a magnificent reception at the Galt House, which was marked by an elegance and whole-souled cordiality which was typical of Kentucky hospitality.

My only other official visits were those connected with the work of newly-organized or chartered Temples already alluded to in this report.

On Feb. 22, 1895, I presided in Syrian Temple of Cincinnati, in the dual capacity of its Potentate and the Imperial Potentate, and assisted in the initiation of a class of two hundred and nineteen candidates, believed to be the largest number initiated at any Shrine at any one time. In the evening of the same day the Temple tendered the Imperial Potentate and his staff a magnificent reception in Music Hall, where an entertainment and banquet was given in honor of the occasion to eighteen hundred Nobles of the Order, representing twenty-three different Temples. The Imperial Treasurer and a number of members of the Imperial Council were present.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

The new regulation requiring Temples to obtain a dispensation from the Imperial Potentate to receive petitions at stated or special sessions and act upon the same forthwith, has resulted in the issuance of over a hundred dispensations during the year for that specific purpose. The law is a good one in a general sense, but its greatest value lies in requiring the Temple to give notice to all its members when petitions are to be received and acted upon forthwith.

A number of requests have been made for dispensations to confer the Order by communication, either in or out of the Temple. Cases have been cited where candidates had been elected and prevented by illness or special reasons from being present. In one case it was a captain of an Atlantic liner, who had been elected and could not be present at any regular work meeting; in another, an old man was sick and it was deemed advisable to make him a Shriner in his room. To all of these requests I was compelled to give refusals. The constitution does not permit communication of the Order except in the case of petitioners for a new Temple in unoccupied territory, and then it can only be done by the Imperial Potentate or his special deputy. If such a power existed the Order would be communicated right and left under a great variety of circumstances, and in many cases to the detriment of the Order. I am of the opinion that when a Temple is legally assembled, and candidates

lawfully elected present themselves for initiation, the Potentate can confer as much or as little of the ceremonies as may seem best under the circumstances, provided the candidate is obligated and invested with the esoteric portion of the Ritual qualifying the newly-created Noble to make himself known as a member of our Order; but this can only be done in the body of the Temple when legally assembled, and no one, be he Imperial Potentate, Representative, or Potentate, has the legal power to communicate the Order in any other manner.

CHARITY OF THE SHRINE.

The Koran says: "When a man dies they who survive him ask what property he has left behind. The angel who bends over the dying man asks what good deeds he has sent before him."

During the year 1892, while Imperial Potentate, I called the attention of each Temple to the virtue of Charity, as well as Hospitality, and suggested that each Temple make a special effort to alleviate the poverty and distress of the worthy poor in their different oases. This bore good fruit, and I had the pleasure in so reporting to the Imperial Council of 1893. During my present official year I again requested each Potentate to enlist the noble-hearted members of his Temple and engage in some special charitable work during the winter in promoting the universal brotherhood of man by kindly encouragement or reasonable charity to those who needed a helping hand, that the name of the Mystic Shrine might become as sweet perfume in each oasis. The result exceeded all expectations and proved that the Shriner "hath a tear for pity and a hand open as day for melting charity."

The majority of our Temples were imbued with the spirit of the couplet:—

"In Faith and Hope the world will disagree,
But all mankind's concern is Charity."

Among the most notable evidences of the charity of the Shrine, the following should be inscribed upon our records:—

The distribution of baskets to the worthy poor of Richmond, Va., by Acca Temple.

Donations to the Kansas Masonic Home by Abdallah Temple of Leavenworth, Kan.

Aiding the Women's Industrial and Educational Home for the children of women compelled to work during the day, by Aladdin Temple of Columbus, O.

Relieving the distress of sick Nobles and of the widows of Nobles, in generous amount, by Aleppo Temple of Boston.

To the City Charity Fund of Kansas City and the Masonic Home of Missouri, from Ararat Temple of Kansas City.

Contributions to the sufferers from explosion at Butte, by Algeria Temple of Helena, Mont.

Christmas baskets distributed among the poor of Memphis, Tenn., by Al Chymia Temple.

For relief of visiting and stranded Nobles, and for the permanent relief of seventeen poor families, by Al Kader Temple of Portland, Ore.

The Christmas offering of Boumi Temple of Baltimore consisted in giving out five hundred baskets of provisions to worthy poor families, thus relieving the immediate necessities of over two thousand people. The Potentate says: "To those who were old and those who lived a great distance, we gave money for car fare, and the feeble had their baskets carried to the cars by some of our boys. The Nobles entered into it with heart and soul. It would have done your heart good, to see how hard and how willing they worked. There is no doubt but that we did a great deal of good. Many cried as they received our big baskets. Our members are so well pleased at the success of the undertaking that we have started a fund for next year. Our bounty was given to the distressed poor without regard to color, creed or religion, and we feel all the better for it."

Damascus Temple of Rochester, N.Y., gave nine hundred and eighty-five Christmas dinners to the poor, two hundred and fifty dolls and other gifts to little children, and seventy-five pairs of shoes to the needy. The Potentate says: "People set down their loaded baskets, and with tears running down their faces prayed God to bless the Shriners."

El Katif Temple of Spokane, Wash., gave a charity ball and distributed over one hundred dollars among the Masonic poor of their city.

Donation to the Children's Home of Sioux Falls, S.D., by El Riad Temple.

To the Orphans' Home of Fargo, N.D., by El Zagal Temple.

Generous donations to the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, and to Buckner's Orphans' Home of Dallas, Tex., by Hella Temple.

To the burial of a visiting Noble and assisting a Masonic Lodge, by India Temple of Oklahoma City, O.T.

An entertainment was given by Ismailia Temple of Buffalo, N.Y., which resulted in contributions to the Woman's Christian Association and the Woman's Educational and Industrial Union, of nearly \$400 to each charity.

On Christmas day over three hundred poor children of the City of Davenport, Iowa, were fed by Kaaba Temple, the ladies of the Nobles aiding in the good cause, and making it a magnificent success.

Kosair Temple of Louisville, Ky., distributed one hundred loads of coal to poor families in that city on or about Christmas.

Lu Lu Temple of Philadelphia report donations of \$1,250 to various local charities during the year.

A handsome donation was made to the Masonic Home in St Louis by Moolah Temple of that city.

Morocco Temple of Jacksonville, Fla., made donation to the Daniel Memorial Orphanage of that city.

Moslem Temple of Detroit, always ready in good works, led all the rest by distributing provisions in the City of Detroit, and in other cities in their jurisdiction, on New Year's day, 1895, to no less than nine hundred and fifty-eight worthy families. A magnificent memorial in the sight of Allah.

A generous amount was expended by Mt. Sinai Temple of Montpelier, Vt., in furnishing Christmas dinners to needy Protestant families in different parts of the jurisdiction of that Temple.

Oriental Temple of Troy, N.Y., remembered the Day Home of Troy, and "The House of the Good Shepherd of Saratoga Springs."

In Wheeling, W. Va., the City Hospital, Home for Friendless Women, and the Children's Home, were the recipients of the bounty of Osiris Temple.

The Masonic Home of Connecticut received a large donation from Pyramid Temple of Bridgeport.

Though small in numbers, Rajah Temple of Reading, Penn., showed itself strong in true beneficence, by giving a grand charity concert which resulted in a donation of \$742, to the Reading Benevolent Society and the Reading Relief Society.

In Toronto our Canadian Nobles of Rameses Temple remembered the Hospital for Sick Children and the Protestant Orphans' Home.

Sahara Temple of Pine Bluff, Ark., relieved the distress of a large number of poor families.

Salaam Temple of Olney, Ill., made their donation to the Dorcas Society of that place.

In Grand Rapids, Mich., Saladin Temple of that oasis, following the laudable example of the Detroit Temple, expended a large amount for charity, remembering especially the Michigan Masonic Home and the Children's Home of Grand Rapids. Donations to various local charities were made by the concerted action of members of Saladin Temple residing in Battle Creek, Saginaw, Eaton and Flint and it is expected that the movement will result in an annual observance in like manner.

Syrian Temple of Cincinnati engaged in the rather unique work of providing a lunch each day during the winter, to about seventy children in kindergartens for the poor. Many of these little tots come to these schools hungry, and the lunch furnished by the Shriners was the most substantial meal of the day to them. Syrian Temple also made donations to the Associated Charities, Rescue Mission, Pound Party—ten pounds of groceries for each of one thousand one hundred members—and

Children's Home. This Temple is also engaged in the work of furnishing a suite of rooms in the Ohio Masonic Home.

The Potentate of Syria Temple of Pittsburgh reports the expenditure of \$1,100 for various charitable works, the principal amount being "for the relief of the poor of Pittsburg."

Zamora Temple of Birmingham, Ala., made a donation to the "United Christmas Charities" of that city.

Zurah Temple of Minneapolis, Minn., distributed through committees to worthy destitute poor families, regardless of creed, color or Masonic affiliation, the handsome sum of \$350.

In addition to this magnificent list there were many cases where relief was afforded members of our own Order and their families, but these good deeds, while beautiful in themselves, are not emphasized because they are of our own and entitled to help. The sum total expended for charity under the auspices of our subordinate Temples, and in the name of the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, amounts to fourteen thousand and eighty-seven dollars and thirty cents (\$14,087.30). When carping criticism or captious comment derogatory to the Shrine is made by newspapers or by individuals, let us point to our charitable deeds to God's poor, who hath no claim upon us save that of common humanity, and say, "this is the answer of the shrines of America."

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

No new decisions have been made during the year. Many questions of interpretation of law have been presented and passed upon, seemingly to the approval of those interested, as I have heard of no appeals. The amendments presented at this session, and contained in the official call, are worthy of a most careful consideration at the hands of your Committee on Jurisprudence, and more especially by the Imperial Council. The late presentation of the report of this most important committee, and the hurried and undignified and harmful manner in which it has sometimes been considered, will all be obviated by your action of last year in calling together the committee one day prior to the assembling of the Imperial Council. It is, in my opinion, a mistaken idea that little or no change is necessary in our constitutional law. Each year new questions are presented in which it is found that the code has no remedy. The Imperial Potentate cannot make new laws on entirely new subjects, but can only decide what is the existing law or make an interpretation of its meaning. It therefore becomes necessary in the growth of all progressive legislative bodies of all secret societies to annually make amendments to and changes in their code of laws.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

It is a pleasure to report that no cases of grievance or appeal have been presented for consideration of the Imperial Council, either by the subordinate Temples or by individuals. A number of complaints have been made to me during the year, but all have been satisfactorily adjusted between the parties at issue and in a spirit of fraternal concession and consequent amicable adjustment.

PRESENT CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The prosperity of the Order continues unabated. This is especially true in regard to numbers. Notwithstanding that the financial depression still existed during the greater portion of the year, our growth in membership during 1894 is the largest in our history. This increase is shown in the following table of net gains of the past four years:—

Membership Dec. 31, 1891 . . .	21,127—gain, 4,147
“ “ 31, 1892 . . .	27,161 “ 6,034
“ “ 31, 1893 . . .	31,441 “ 4,280
“ “ 31, 1894 . . .	37,548 “ 6,107

The full table of statistics for the year 1894 is shown in the following table:—

Number of Nobles, January 1, 1894 . . .	31,441
Loss by death during year . . .	407
“ “ dimissions . . .	654
“ “ suspensions . . .	697
“ “ expulsion . . .	10
	1,768
Total . . .	29,673
Number initiated during year . . .	7,214
“ restored and affiliated . . .	267
“ in Temples under dispensation . . .	194
	7,675
Membership, January 1, 1895 . . .	37,348
Net gain . . .	5,907

During the year 1893 the initiations amounted to 4,875; during 1894, 7,214; a large gain, indeed, and especially gratifying as showing an increased interest in the order, and a promise of still better things in the future. During the year I have made a special effort to ascertain the condition and growth of the Order in other ways than in numerical

strength, and am glad to report definitely regarding our material prosperity. We now have seventy-one Temples, located in forty-three States, Territories and countries. Their condition is as follows:

Total assets in bonds, real estate, paraphernalia,	
cash, etc.	\$348,928.85
Total liabilities	44,987.50
Net Assets	\$303,941.35
Insurance carried	\$60,300.00

Thirteen of the Temples report that they carry no insurance. These Temples are Zamora, Tangier, Salaam, Palestine, Naja, Mt. Sinai, Media, Ismailia, India, Hamasa, Al Kader and Algeria. It would seem poor business policy to neglect protection against fire when the small cost of obtaining it is considered.

The largest Temples in the jurisdiction on the first day of May, 1895 (each containing over 1,000 members), were:

Aleppo of Boston	2,573 members
Mecca of New York	2,378 "
Lu Lu of Philadelphia	2,315 "
Medinah of Chicago	2,107 "
Syrian of Cincinnati	1,255 "
Moslem of Detroit	1,242 "
El Kahir of Cedar Rapids	1,136 "
Syria of Pittsburg	1,068 "

IMPROPER PUBLICATIONS.

In June, 1895, in the Ohio Council of Deliberation of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, convened in Columbus, O., the presiding officer, Illustrious Enoch T. Carson, 33^o, Deputy for Ohio, presented his annual address which contained the following language:—

"There is another matter which I think of serious importance, and to which I wish to call your attention. I mean this, however, to be a serious admonition to the bodies and to the members of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the State of Ohio.

"It is well known to you all that there is an organization called the Mystic Shrine, of which very many of you are members. One of its rules is that none can become members except Scottish Rite Masons or Knights Templars. This organization has been meeting in the rooms occupied by the Scottish Rite. Therefore, the profane world look upon it as a Masonic Rite, and we are giving that charge some color, from the fact that the so-called Masonic periodicals are publishing in their journals

'Shrine News, Meetings, etc.' Now, what I wish to call your attention to is the character of some of the circulars that have been issued by some of these Shrine bodies that hold their meetings in lodge rooms owned or occupied by Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons. Some of these circulars are infamous, vulgar, obscene and coarse, and I have no doubt that had the attention of the post-office officials been called, as it should have been, to some of these circulars, the authors and senders of them would have been arrested for the abuse of the privilege of the United States mail. I am very much in earnest in this matter. These obscene circulars are a disgrace to the organization that permits them to be sent out, and are certainly a disgrace to any Masonic body that allows any organization to meet in their rooms that sends out such coarse, obscene literature. I can say to you now, my brothers, that if any literature of the kind goes out again in Ohio, emanating from any such organization meeting in Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite rooms, and the latter body does not at once repudiate and denounce it and so report to me, I will exercise the high power with which I am vested, and suspend the charter of the offending organization, and leave the matter for the Supreme Council to decide as to whether the Scottish Rite shall be disgraced by such obscene circulars. It must not be, and while I am Deputy of the Supreme Council for Ohio, it shall not be, if I can prevent it."

Although a member of the Ohio Council of Deliberation, I was not present at the session, nor had I any premonition of the subject of Mr. Carson's address. I had been informed of the issuing of the circulars alluded to, but, having had experience with the spirit of rebellious opposition always shown by the Potentate of the Temple in question when curbed in his peculiar propensities, and feeling that the Imperial Council, by its refusals in 1893 and 1894 to define the powers of the Imperial Potentate, had not upheld his authority to prevent just such irregularities, I had intended presenting this and other like matters to the Imperial Council at this session for such action as it might see fit to take in protection of the good name of the Order.

On June 11 I received the following official communication from the Ohio Council of Deliberation:—

"CINCINNATI, June 10, 1895.

"WILLIAM B. MELISH, Esq.,
Imperial Potentate, N.M.S.

"ILLUSTRIOUS SIR:—

I beg to certify to you the following action had by the Council of Deliberation, A.A. Scottish Rite, at its session held in Columbus on first instant.

"The following report was presented and read, and, on motion, adopted, the recommendations concurred in and the committee discharged.

"COLUMBUS, June 1, 1895.

"To the Ohio Council of Deliberation:

"BRETHREN:—

Your committee to whom was referred so much of the Illustrious Deputy's address as refers to circulars issued by Temples of the Mystic Shrine, beg leave to say they fully endorse the remarks of the Illustrious Deputy on the subject, and desire to add that, as many of us as A.A. Scottish Rite Masons are identified with Shrine bodies, we courteously but earnestly call the attention of the governing authorities of the Mystic Shrine to these circulars as a gross libel on the honor and dignity of our membership, and ask that such action may be taken as will effectually prevent the issue of any notice or circulars of a vulgar and obscene character, that may be improper or in any way subject the ancient and honorable body to criticism.'

Signed by the COMMITTEE.

"The gist of the above subject is that circulars have emanated from a Temple at Cleveland that were, and are, a disgraceful abuse of the privileges of the Secretary, and that the Shrine in Cleveland, meeting in the rooms of the Scottish Rite Masons, more or less identifying them with the Scottish Rite, the disgrace reflects upon the Scottish Rite Masons. It is desired that you, as the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine, shall discountenance, discourage, and, if possible, prevent future abuses such as is complained of.

"I remain, Illustrious Sir, with profound personal esteem and respect,

Fraternally yours,

"JAMES A. COLLINS, 33°,

Secretary.

To this communication I made courteous reply, promising to lay the matter before the Imperial Council. The circulars complained of are parts of notices issued by Al Koran Temple of Cleveland, at various times. Copies of them accompany the complaint of the Scottish Rite Masons of Ohio. In regard to one of them I regret to say that I received a letter from an indignant lady, the wife of one of the Nobles belonging to the offending Temple, stating that the notice was mailed to her home, opened and read by her daughters, and that she protested against the character of the notice, and felt outraged at its publication. I present the whole correspondence, circulars, etc., for your consideration. In this connection I regret to say that several of the Temples issue notices which are offensive to many, and calculated to bring the Order into disrepute. Some of the notices issued are couched in coarse and misleading terms and language. It is made the imperative duty of the Potentate of

each Temple to correct these abuses, and our standing resolution in regard to "Improper Publications" should cover the whole ground. Recordors are permitted, and even encouraged, to make their notices the vehicles of cheap wit, more becoming the circus ring than a social Order of gentlemen.

Imagine a Temple publishing such a screed as this as a part of a notice for work :

" The Arab believes in Mohammed's CREED,
While the Cross is the Christian's Hope;
The Shriner believes in *both* of these,
But he pins his faith to the ROPE."

I trust that steps will be taken to correct these abuses of privilege, and, if necessary, punish the offenders until a reformation is effected.

THE FUTURE OF THE ORDER.

In looking back over the events of the past year, and in writing the conclusion of this address, I am impressed by the necessity of saying a few words of warning in reference to the future welfare of our beloved Order. During the past year the Shrine has been subjected to more or less criticism from the outside. Masonic magazines and papers have contained articles attacking and defending the Shrine. One presiding officer of a Grand Masonic body thought it within the line of his duty to comment unfavorably and at length upon the Shrine in his annual address. These are small matters if our Order is living up to its avowed principles. Wholesome criticism, and even unkind or unjust comment, can do no harm if the Temples of the Order are properly conducted, and kept within their proper sphere. If the conduct of Shriners is such as to make them unfit tenants for a Masonic Temple or a Templar Asylum, then let the Shrine be expelled from such quarters. But, it is claimed that the Shriners control matters in such instances, and that to oppose them means discord in the Masonic bodies. The government in the matter should be in the Imperial Council, and it is the duty of this body to uphold the dignity of the Order. I hold that no man has a right to commit acts in his capacity as a Shriner which would reflect upon his character, or subject him to discipline as a Knight Templar or 32° Mason. That the Shrines in some few localities are a disgrace to the Order is undoubtedly true. I believe it is confined to less than ten per cent of the Temples. When examples of riotous drunkenness, given by officials of high rank, have gone unrebuked by the Imperial Council, it is small wonder that some Temples have permitted excesses of this nature. Turning a Shrine meeting into a drunken debauch seems to be the only idea of a few Potentates and a few Temples. Some of the notices issued make the drinking

feature more prominent than the work. Newspaper accounts have reached me which indicate that the impression made upon the public is that a Shrine meeting, in that locality at least, means a hilarious drunk.

In one very prominent Temple the Potentate permits and encourages the meeting of a large number of his members on each Sunday morning; calls the gathering "The Potentate's Sunday-School Class;" provides beer, whiskey, cigars, etc., in unlimited quantities, and does it openly and defiantly. Is it any wonder that such a gathering is disgraced by scenes which are indescribable? Is it any wonder that hundreds of the members of that Temple never go near its meetings, but quietly "let things go" rather than oppose a popular but unprincipled man?

A recent notice, issued by a Temple in a large city and emanating from an officer high in rank, contains these lines:—

"There's nought, no doubt, so much the spirit calms
As rum and true religion, * * * * *
All who joy would win must share it," etc.

Also this very remarkable doctrine:—

"Man, being reasonable, *must get drunk*;
The best of life is but intoxication;
Glory, the grape, love, gold, in these are sunk
The hopes of all men and of every nation.
* * * * *
But to return—get very drunk, and when
You wake with headache, you shall see what then."
* * * * *

I am not one of those who decry the use of wine. I believe in the creed with which I closed my address to you in 1893:—

"Pleasure without intemperance, hospitality without rudeness and jollity without coarseness, should here prevail among all of the true faith."

This body should take cognizance of the evils which exist among the few subordinate Temples which offend in the particular of permitting drunkenness to occur at their ceremonial meetings or during their excursions or caravans. The Imperial Potentate should be instructed and urged to suspend the Potentate or the charter of any Temple permitting acts which are, in his opinion, an injury to the good name and fair fame of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

EXPENSES OF THE IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

Of the Contingent Fund of \$1,000, placed at my disposal for the payment of the expenses incident to my official duties, I have drawn but \$700. This amount has been expended as follows:—

To traveling expenses locating place of meeting	\$80 60
To expenses inspecting Temples	80 00
To stenographer and clerical help, type-writing, etc., thirteen months	325 00
Telegrams, postage and expressage	82 59
Stationery, letter-heads, printing blanks, copy books, etc.	107 00
Charity	30 00
Total	\$705 19

The correspondence of the term of office was in excess of any previous year, some sixteen hundred letters having been written to Temples, officers and individual members of the Order. Such was the burden of letter writing that it became necessary to have extra clerical help in order to give prompt attention to the business of the Order.

THE WORK OF THE IMPERIAL RECORDER AND IMPERIAL TREASURER.

To Noble B. W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, and to Noble Wm. S. Brown, Imperial Treasurer, I owe a debt of gratitude which I take pleasure in acknowledging in this manner. These Nobles have vied with each other in painstaking and loyal co-operation with me in everything tending to the good of the Order, so that it has been a genuine pleasure to have them as associate officers. Each was new in his duties in serving the Imperial Council, yet I am safe in saying that never have the affairs of either office been more faithfully, honestly or economically administered than during the past year.

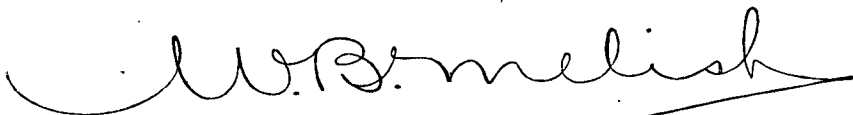
CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, Illustrious Nobles, I beg to express to you my appreciation of the high honor of occupying the office which I am to relinquish with the installation of my successor at this session.

Let us now take up the business that awaits us.

"With malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right."

Yours in the faith,



CINCINNATI, O.,
Aug. 24, 1895.

Imperial Potentate.

On motion of Noble Mayo, the address was referred to the Committee on the Transactions of Imperial Officers.

Illustrious Recorder Rowell presented and read his annual report as follows : —

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE IMPERIAL RECORDER.

Boston, Sept. 2, 1895.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council :

Your Imperial Recorder respectfully submits the following report for the year from January 1, 1894, to April 30, 1895 : —

IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

From the reports of the various Temples in this jurisdiction and from credentials received at this office there are at the present time : —

No. of Ad Vitam members	4
“ “ Active members	162
“ “ Emeritus members	4
Making a total of	170

TEMPLES.

No. of Temples that have been chartered to date	68
“ “ “ under dispensation, to date	3
Making a total of	71

REPORTS OF TEMPLES.

From Jan. 1, 1894, to May 1, 1895.

The reports which have been received from the various Temples are given in the table herewith : —

Report of Temples to May 1, 1895.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	LOCATION.	Membership Dec. 31, 1894.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Created.	Affiliated and Restored.	Charter Members.	Membership May 1, 1895.
April 30, 1895	Abdallah.....	Leavenworth..	412	2	16	1	...	87	1	...	481
" 30, 1895	Acca.....	Richmond.....	205	1	10	...	...	97	5	...	296
" 30, 1895	Affih.....	Tacoma.....	174	7	1	...	...	174	...	...	182
" 30, 1895	Ahmed.....	Marquette.....	89	2	6	...	...	51	15	...	147
" 30, 1895	Aladdin.....	Columbus.....	...	2	1	...	...	192	4	92	285
" 30, 1895	Aleppo.....	Boston.....	2,312	27	44	24	...	355	1	...	2,573
" 30, 1895	Algeria.....	Helena.....	234	2	6	10	...	19	...	...	235
" 30, 1895	Alhambra.....	Chattanooga...	148	1	1	...	...	22	...	...	168
" 30, 1895	Al Chymia.....	Memphis.....	98	2	2	1	...	24	...	...	117
" 30, 1895	Al Kader.....	Portland.....	158	1	1	...	...	39	...	...	190
" 30, 1895	Al Koran.....	Cleveland.....	581	9	11	5	...	120	5	...	681
" 30, 1895	Al Malaikah.....	Los Angeles...	276	6	2	...	...	52	14	...	334
" 30, 1895	Almas.....	Washington...	580	10	4	15	...	104	6	...	661
" 30, 1895	Ararat.....	Kansas City...	607	6	13	13	1	69	19	...	662
" 30, 1895	Ballut Abyad.....	Albuquerque...	60	1	1	...	...	9	...	...	68
" 30, 1895	Ben Hur.....	Austin.....	162	1	1	...	...	65	3	...	228
" 30, 1895	Bouni.....	Baltimore.....	353	4	6	1	...	55	2	...	399
" 30, 1895	Cyprus.....	Albany.....	310	3	1	...	...	68	...	...	374
" 30, 1895	Damascus.....	Rochester.....	515	7	9	24	...	41	...	...	516
" 30, 1895	El Jebel.....	Denver.....	701	5	22	30	...	110	16	...	770
" 30, 1895	El Kalah.....	Salt Lake City	140	2	4	15	...	33	5	...	157
" 30, 1895	El Kabir.....	Cedar Rapids..	1,024	12	8	...	2	133	1	...	1,136
" 30, 1895	El Katif.....	Spokane.....	131	1	...	12	...	40	1	...	159
" 30, 1895	El Riad.....	Sioux Falls...	397	1	3	...	...	65	...	...	458
" 30, 1895	El Zagal.....	Fargo.....	222	3	5	1	...	125	2	...	340
" 30, 1895	Hamasa.....	Meridian.....	39	...	...	1	...	53	1	...	92
" 30, 1895	Hella.....	Dallas.....	483	2	17	36	...	46	3	...	477
" 30, 1895	India.....	Oklahoma.....	33	1	...	...	...	37	1	...	70
" 30, 1895	Isis.....	Salina.....	474	7	19	41	...	114	3	...	524
" 30, 1895	Islam.....	San Francisco..	579	5	2	6	...	48	1	...	615
" 30, 1895	Ismailia.....	Buffalo.....	620	10	1	...	...	180	8	...	797
" 30, 1895	Jerusalem.....	New Orleans...	112	1	2	7	...	37	...	...	139
" 30, 1895	Kaaba.....	Davenport.....	618	8	15	...	1	125	1	...	720
" 30, 1895	Kismet.....	Brooklyn.....	479	9	4	36	1	119	2	...	550
" 30, 1895	Kora.....	Lewiston.....	143	3	1	...	...	113	4	...	256
" 30, 1895	*Korein, U.D.....	Rawlins.....	...	1	...	...	...	20	...	32	54
" 30, 1895	Kosair.....	Louisville.....	179	1	1	4	...	57	...	...	232
" 30, 1895	Lu Lu.....	Philadelphia...	2,197	37	17	29	...	197	4	...	2,315
" 30, 1895	Mecca.....	New York.....	2,204	52	14	108	1	320	29	...	2,378
" 30, 1895	Medinah.....	Chicago.....	1,907	17	115	166	...	482	16	...	2,107
" 30, 1895	Media.....	Watertown.....	315	6	...	4	...	79	4	...	388
" 30, 1895	Mohammed.....	Peoria.....	93	4	1	...	...	103	6	...	197
" 30, 1895	Moola.....	St. Joseph.....	168	...	5	...	...	80	3	...	246
" 30, 1895	Moolah.....	St. Louis.....	455	8	6	11	...	121	8	...	559
" 30, 1895	Morocco.....	Jacksonville...	43	1	1	...	...	105	...	...	50
" 30, 1895	Mo-lem.....	Detroit.....	834	14	8	2	...	428	4	...	1,242
" 30, 1895	Mt. Sinai.....	Montpelier.....	295	3	...	...	...	79	1	...	372
" 30, 1895	Murat.....	Indianapolis...	613	9	8	3	...	51	3	...	647
" 30, 1895	Naja.....	Deadwood.....	76	...	1	...	...	21	...	...	96
" 30, 1895	Oasis, U.D.....	Charlotte.....	...	...	...	...	...	38	2	9	49
" 30, 1895	Oriental.....	Troy.....	506	...	5	...	...	49	...	...	550
" 30, 1895	Osiris.....	Wheeling.....	343	2	...	...	...	59	...	...	400
" 30, 1895	Osman.....	St. Paul.....	519	10	4	26	...	111	5	...	595
" 30, 1895	Palestine.....	Providence.....	530	9	...	...	...	118	...	...	669
" 30, 1895	Pyramid.....	Bridgeport.....	932	18	1	...	...	69	...	...	982
" 30, 1895	Rajah.....	Reading.....	206	...	...	...	...	79	1	...	286
" 30, 1895	Rameses.....	Toronto.....	132	5	1	3	...	61	...	...	184
" 30, 1895	Sahara.....	Pine Bluff.....	126	2	2	...	...	55	1	...	178
" 30, 1895	Salaam.....	Olney.....	49	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
Carried forward.....			26,191	361	429	636	6	5,570	232	133	30,794

*Dispensation granted Oct. 8, 1894.

†Dispensation granted Oct. 10, 1894.

Report of Temples to May 1, 1895.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	LOCATION.	Membership Dec. 31, 1893.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Created.	Affiliated and Restored.	Charter Members.	Membership May 1, 1895.
April 30, 1895	Saladin.....	<i>Brought forward.....</i>	26,191	361	429	636	6	5,570	232	133	30,794
" 30, 1895	Sesostris.....	Grand Rapids.	657	3	58	....	1	262	1	....	858
" 30, 1895	Syria.....	Lincoln	390	5	10	5	....	109	1	....	480
" 30, 1895	Syrian	Pittsburgh	888	8	7	32	....	218	9	....	1,068
" 30, 1895	*Tebala, U.D.....	Cincinnati.....	1,007	6	96	3	1	351	3	....	1,255
" 30, 1895	Tangier.....	Rockford.....	....	....	....	....	....	132	....	61	193
" 30, 1895	Tripoli.....	Omaha	312	3	15	5	1	139	12	....	639
" 30, 1895	Yaarab.....	Milwaukee.....	430	7	1	5	....	91	15	....	544
" 30, 1895	Zamora	Atlanta	189	2	7	....	....	44	....	....	224
" 30, 1895	Zem Zem.....	Birmingham...	79	2	....	....	....	36	....	....	113
" 30, 1895	Ziyara.....	Eric.....	178	2	5	1	....	118	2	....	290
" 30, 1895	Zubrah.....	Utica.....	499	3	15	....	....	49	....	....	530
" 30, 1895		Minneapolis...	421	5	11	10	1	95	4	....	493
Totals			31,441	407	654	697	10	7,214	267	194	37,348

*Dispensation granted July 25, 1894.

RECAPITULATION.

Membership, Jan. 1, 1894.....	31,441
Died	407
Dimitted	654
Suspended.....	697
Expelled.....	10
	1,768
	29,673
Initiated.....	7,214
Restored and Affiliated.....	267
Charter members new Temples.....	194
	7,675
Total Membership, April 30, 1895.....	37,348
A gain of.....	5,907

The receipts of my office have been as follows:—

Receipts.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensations.	Money Returned from Mileage and Per Diem.	Totals.
Jan. 11, 1894	Abdallah		*\$22 00					
June 23, 1894	"		*40 00					
Feb. 13, 1895	"		114 00					
May 21, 1895	"	\$50 00						\$226 00
April 6, 1895	Acca	30 00	152 00					
May 7, 1895	"		42 00					224 00
Dec. 28, 1894	Afifi		26 00					
May 1, 1895	"		6 00	\$1 00				
May 29, 1895	"	20 00						53 00
May 25, 1894	Ahmed		*2 00					
July 13, 1894	"		*64 00					
Jan. 28, 1895	"		34 00					
April 15, 1895	"		2 00					
May 10, 1895	"	20 00						122 00
April 12, 1894	Aladdin		*104 00					
May 25, 1894	"		*102 00					
Dec. 17, 1894	"		68 00					
Jan. 24, 1895	"		38 00					
May 10, 1895	"	30 00	72 00					414 00
Feb. 1, 1894	Aleppo		*90 00					
April 11, 1894	"		*100 00					
May 30, 1894	"		*164 00					
Nov. 7, 1894	"		190 00					
Dec. 5, 1894	"			1 00				
Dec. 31, 1894	"		42 00					
Jan. 19, 1895	"			1 00				
Feb. 21, 1895	"		124 00					
April 24, 1895	"	260 00						972 00
Jan. 2, 1895	Algeria		38 00					
May 15, 1895	"	30 00						68 00
July 6, 1894	Alhambra		*24 00					
May 17, 1895	"	20 00	20 00				\$24 00	88 00
May 16, 1895	Al Chymia	20 00	48 00					68 00
Dec. 26, 1894	Al Kader		62 00					
May 16, 1895	"	20 00	16 00					98 00
Feb. 15, 1894	Al Koran		*44 00					
May 14, 1894	"		*62 00					
Oct. 24, 1894	"		48 00					
Feb. 6, 1895	"		34 00					
April 16, 1895	"		52 00	2 00				
April 27, 1895	"	65 00					78 00	385 00
May 24, 1894	Al Malaikah		*32 00					
Oct. 16, 1894	"		18 00					
Nov. 26, 1894	"		18 00					
May 16, 1895	"	40 00	36 00					144 00
May 8, 1894	Almas		*100 00					
May 24, 1894	"			*2 00				
June 23, 1894	"		*20 00					
Oct. 29, 1894	"		28 00	1 00				
Jan. 3, 1895	"		26 00					
April 23, 1895	"		34 00					
May 14, 1895	"	70 00						281 00
May 10, 1894	Ararat		*30 00					
June 23, 1894	"		*14 00				46 00	
Dec. 24, 1894	"		46 00					
Mar. 23, 1895	"		34 00					
April 4, 1895	"			10 00				
May 14, 1895	"		14 00					
May 16, 1895	"	70 00						264 00
	Carried forward	\$745 00	\$2,496 00	\$18 00	.....	.....	\$148 00	\$3,407 00

Receipts. — Continued.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensations.	Money Returned from Mortgage and Per Diem.	Totals.
	<i>Brought forward</i>	\$745 00	\$2,496 00	\$18 00			\$148 00	\$3,407 00
Oct. 15, 1894	Ballut Abyad.....		18 00					
May 6, 1895	"	10 00						28 00
Mar. 13, 1894	Ben Hur.....		*16 00					
May 9, 1894	"		*60 00					
Nov. 7, 1894	"		10 00					
Jan. 2, 1895	"		8 00					
April 15, 1895	"		36 00					
May 15, 1895	"	30 00						160 00
May 9, 1894	Boumi.....		*42 00					
July 13, 1894	"		*16 00				15 00	
Nov. 9, 1894	"		12 00					
Feb. 5, 1895	"		12 00					
April 8, 1895	"		26 00	1 00				
May 7, 1895	"	40 00	2 00					166 00
Nov. 28, 1894	Cyprus.....		86 00				2 00	
Jan. 14, 1895	"		18 00					
May 16, 1895	"	40 00	32 00					178 00
May 15, 1895	Damascus.....	60 00	82 00					142 00
Mar. 7, 1894	El Jebel.....		*74 00					
May 30, 1894	"		*54 00					
Aug. 21, 1894	"		50 00					
Jan. 22, 1895	"		1 00					
Mar. 11, 1895	"		44 00					
May 1, 1895	"				15 00			
May 23, 1895	"	80 00						318 00
Mar. 8, 1894	El Kalah.....		*44 00					
Dec. 26, 1894	"		22 00					
Jan. 16, 1895	"				5 00			
May 29, 1895	"	30 00						101 00
May 31, 1894	El Kahir.....		*82 00					
Oct. 27, 1894	"		154 00					
Nov. 30, 1894	"				5 00			
Dec. 24, 1894	"		30 00					
May 1, 1895	"	120 00						391 00
Mar. 19, 1895	El Katif.....		70 00				10 00	
May 31, 1895	"	20 00	10 00					110 00
April 30, 1895	El Riad.....			1 00				
May 3, 1895	"			1 00				
May 9, 1895	"	50 00	130 00					182 00
May 6, 1894	El Zagal.....		*48 00					
Sept. 20, 1894	"		12 00					
Nov. 23, 1894	"		36 00					
April 1, 1895	"		94 00					
May 24, 1895	"	40 00	60 00					290 00
Mar. 13, 1894	Hamasa.....		*12 00					
Aug. 16, 1894	"		28 00					
Nov. 28, 1894	"		32 00					
Feb. 22, 1895	"		31 00					
May 4, 1895	"	10 00						116 00
Feb. 14, 1894	Hella.....		*4 00					
Nov. 16, 1894	"		54 00					
May 7, 1895	"	50 00	34 00					142 00
Aug. 16, 1894	Indla.....	10 00	24 00					
Feb. 21, 1895	"		24 00					
April 24, 1895	"	10 00	38 00					
May 10, 1895	"			1 00				107 00
Feb. 19, 1894	Isis.....		*38 00					
May 20, 1894	"		*108 00					
	<i>Carried forward</i>	\$1,345 00	\$4,416 00	\$23 00	\$25 00		\$175 00	\$5,838 00

Receipts. — Continued.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensa- tions.	Money Re- turned from Mileage and Per Diem.	Totals.
	<i>Brought forward</i>	\$1,345 00	\$4,416 00	\$23 00	\$25 00	.....	\$175 00	\$5,838 00
June 28, 1894	Isis.		*20 00					
Nov. 8, 1894	"		12 00					
Dec. 11, 1894	"		22 00		5 00			
Dec. 27, 1894	"		2 00					
April 20, 1895	"		50 00					
May 15, 1895	"	60 00						817 00
May 15, 1895	Islam	70 00	96 00					166 00
May 10, 1894	Ismailia.		*126 00					
Dec. 6, 1894	"		46 00					
Jan. 11, 1895	"		38 00					
May 15, 1895	"	80 00	150 00					440 00
June 23, 1894	Jerusalem.		*32 00				32 00	
May 13, 1895	"	20 00	42 00					126 00
Mar. 8, 1894	Kaaba...		*12 00					
May 9, 1894	"		*30 00					
May 25, 1894	"		*2 00					
June 8, 1894	"		*78 00					
June 11, 1894	"		*3 00					
July 7, 1894	"		*2 00	1 00				
Mar. 11, 1895	"		18 00	1 00				
May 13, 1895	"	80 00						333 00
Aug. 16, 1894	"							
Nov. 21, 1894	"							
Dec. 14, 1894	"		2 00	1 00				
Dec. 24, 1894	"		104 00	*1 00				
Feb. 5, 1894	Kismet.						198 00	
June 8, 1894	"		*31 00					
July 13, 1894	"		*24 00					
Nov. 6, 1894	"		26 00					
Dec. 6, 1894	"		12 00					
Jan. 5, 1895	"		20 00					
April 2, 1895	"		28 00	1 00				
May 2, 1895	"	60 00	44 00					408 00
April 12, 1894	Kora.		*28 00					
May 31, 1894	"		*36 00					
Sept. 22, 1894	"		34 00					
Dec. 1, 1894	"		74 00					
Feb. 1, 1895	"		4 00	2 00				
April 1, 1895	"		50 00					
May 1, 1895	"	30 00						258 00
Sept. 24, 1894	Korein.				15 00	150 00		
Nov. 19, 1894	"							
Nov. 21, 1894	"		4 00					
Nov. 24, 1894	"		6 00					
Nov. 27, 1894	"		74 00					
Mar. 27, 1895	"		20 00					
May 25, 1895	"	10 00						279 00
Feb. 24, 1894	Kosair.		*6 00					
April 17, 1894	"				*10 00			
May 25, 1894	"		*8 00					
Dec. 3, 1894	"		34 00					
Dec. 31, 1894	"	20 00						
Mar. 24, 1895	"		24 00					
April 26, 1895	"	10 00	20 00					
May 23, 1895	"		22 00					154 00
May 31, 1894	Lulu.		*142 00					
Nov. 22, 1894	"		152 00					
May 9, 1895	"	240 00	100 00					634 00
	<i>Carried forward</i>	\$2,025 00	\$6,378 00	\$30 00	\$55 00	\$150 00	\$315 00	\$8,953 00

Receipts. — Continued.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensations.	Money Returned from Mileage and Per Diem.	Totals.
Feb. 6, 1894	<i>Brought forward</i>	\$2,025 00	\$6,378 00	\$30 00	\$55 00	\$150 00	\$315 00	\$8,953 00
April 12, 1894	Mecca		44 00					
May 3, 1894	"		64 00	*1 00				
June 8, 1894	"		60 00	*1 00				
Nov. 5, 1894	"		86 00		1 00			
Nov. 23, 1894	"		100 00					
Dec. 4, 1894	"		20 00	1 00				
Jan. 3, 1895	"		100 00					
Feb. 4, 1895	"		64 00	3 00				
April 2, 1895	"		86 00	1 00				
May 4, 1895	"	240 00	58 00	2 00				932 00
Aug. 16, 1894	Medinah		258 00					
Sept. 24, 1894	"			2 00				
Dec. 13, 1894	"		338 00					
Feb. 2, 1895	"		42 00					
Mar. 11, 1895	"		44 00					
April 1, 1895	"			2 00				
May 6, 1895	"		290 00					
May 10, 1895	"	220 00						1,196 00
April 12, 1894	Media		44 00				16 00	
July 6, 1894	"		4 00					
Sept. 20, 1894	"		2 00					
Oct. 10, 1894	"		20 00					
Dec. 12, 1894	"		14 00					
Mar. 29, 1895	"		74 00					
May 1, 1895	"	40 00						214 00
Dec. 20, 1894	Mohammed		148 00					
Feb. 20, 1895	"		24 00					
April 18, 1895	"		34 00					
Feb. 18, 1895	"	20 00						226 00
Feb. 6, 1894	Moila		*10 00					
May 9, 1894	"		*32 00					
Aug. 21, 1894	"		2 00					
Oct. 1, 1894	"		14 00					
Oct. 27, 1894	"			1 00				
Dec. 7, 1894	"		82 00					
Mar. 7, 1895	"		20 00					191 00
May 6, 1895	"	30 00						
Feb. 3, 1894	Moolah		*28 00					
April 18, 1894	"		*36 00					
July 13, 1894	"		*26 00					
Dec. 7, 1894	"		66 00					
April 5, 1895	"		86 00					
April 29, 1895	"	60 00						302 00
July 6, 1894	Morocco		*20 00				12 00	
April 16, 1895	"		10 00					
May 13, 1895	"	10 00						52 00
Feb. 2, 1894	Moslem		*48 00					
Mar. 8, 1894	"		*222 00					
Mar. 19, 1894	"		*4 00	*1 00				
May 9, 1894	"		*90 00					
July 23, 1894	"		*128 00	*1 00				
Nov. 21, 1894	"		150 00					
Nov. 27, 1894	"		64 00	1 00				
Jan. 24, 1895	"			1 00				
Feb. 18, 1895	"		50 00					
April 26, 1895	"		100 00					
May 15, 1895	"	130 00						990 00
<i>Carried forward</i>		\$2,775 00	\$9,684 00	\$49 00	\$55 00	\$150 00	\$343 00	\$13,056 00

Receipts. — Continued.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensa- tions.	Money Re- turned from Mileage and Per Diem.	Totals.
	<i>Brought forward.</i>	\$2,775 00	\$9,684 00	\$49 00	\$55 00	\$150 00	\$343 00	\$13,056 00
April 11, 1894	Mount Sinai.....		*28 00					
June 23, 1894	" "		*28 00				42 00	
Nov. 17, 1894	" "		30 00					
Feb. 21, 1895	" "		30 00					
April 11, 1895	" "		42 00					
May 1, 1895	" "	40 00						240 00
Jan. 24, 1894	Murat.....			*2 00				
Feb. 5, 1894	" "			*2 00				
April 3, 1894	" "			*1 00				
May 8, 1894	" "		*80 00					
Feb. 4, 1895	" "				5 00			
May 8, 1895	" "	70 00	16 00					182 00
Mar. 8, 1894	Naja.....		*22 00					
Dec. 5, 1894	" "		20 00					
April 23, 1895	" "	10 00						52 00
July 6, 1894	Oriental.....		*36 00					
Dec. 5, 1894	" "		22 00					
Jan. 1, 1895	" "		24 00					
May 6, 1895	" "	60 00	16 00					158 00
Oct. 8, 1894	Oasis, U.D.....					150 00		
Nov. 3, 1894	" "				10 00			
Jan. 31, 1895	" "		42 00					
Mar. 9, 1895	" "		6 00					
April 5, 1895	" "		22 00					
May 2, 1895	" "	10 00	6 00					246 00
Jan. 25, 1894	Osir's.....		*30 00	*1 00			39 00	
Mar. 13, 1894	" "		*62 00					
April 12, 1894	" "		34 00					
Dec. 6, 1894	" "		2 00					
Dec. 26, 1894	" "			1 00				
Jan. 30, 1895	" "							
May 2, 1895	" "	50 00						209 00
Mar. 19, 1894	Osman.....		*16 00					
Nov. 19, 1894	" "		110 00					
Nov. 24, 1894	" "		2 00					
Jan. 16, 1895	" "		30 00					
Mar. 16, 1895	" "		36 00					
May 10, 1895	" "	60 00	32 00					286 00
May 6, 1895	Palestine.....	70 00	296 00					366 00
June 11, 1894	Pyramid.....		*70 00				90 50	
Dec. 5, 1894	" "		68 00					
Dec. 19, 1894	" "			1 00				
May 15, 1895	" "	100 00						329 50
May 25, 1894	Rajah.....		*40 00					
Nov. 8, 1894	" "		44 00					
Jan. 24, 1895	" "		20 00					
Mar. 29, 1895	" "		48 00					
April 20, 1895	" "		8 00	2 00				
May 1, 1895	" "	28 00						190 00
May 30, 1894	Rameses.....		*30 00				15 02	
Oct. 25, 1894	" "	20 00	46 00					
May 13, 1895	" "	20 00	46 00					177 02
Sept. 11, 1894	Sahara.....		72 00					
Mar. 29, 1895	" "			1 00				
April 23, 1895	" "		38 00					
May 6, 1895	" "	20 00						131 00
May 31, 1894	Salaam.....		*8 00					
June 15, 1895	" "	10 00						18 00
	<i>Carried forward..</i>	\$3,343 00	\$11,338 00	\$60 00	\$70 00	\$300 00	\$529 52	\$15,640 52

Receipts. — Continued.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensations.	Money Returned from Allotment and Per Diem.	Totals.
	<i>Brought forward.</i>	\$3,343 00	\$11,338 00	\$60 00	\$70 00	\$300 00	\$529 52	\$15,640 52
Mar. 16, 1894	Saladin.		*126 00	*1 00				
May 15, 1894	"				*5 00			
June 23, 1894	"		*206 00					
Aug. 17, 1894	"			1 00				
Oct. 18, 1894	"		94 00					
Dec. 29, 1894	"		22 00	1 00				
Mar. 11, 1895	"		76 00					
May 16, 1895	"	90 00						622 00
Jan. 31, 1895	Sesostris.		158 00					
Jan. 31, 1895	"			4 00				
May 13, 1895	"	50 00		62 00				274 00
Feb. 3, 1894	Syria		*36 00	*1 00			70 32	
May 8, 1894	"		*80 00					
May 31, 1894	"		*58 00					
Oct. 29, 1894	"		36 00					
Dec. 3, 1894	"		98 00					
Feb. 2, 1895	"		46 00					
Mar. 11, 1895	"		48 00					
April 22, 1895	"		34 00					
May 4, 1895	"	110 00						617 32
Aug. 11, 1894	Syrian.		230 00					
Nov. 1, 1894	"			3 00				
Nov. 21, 1894	"		26 00					
April 22, 1895	"		448 00					
May 27, 1895	"	130 00						837 00
Feb. 17, 1894	Tangier.			*3 00				
May 9, 1894	"		*64 00					
June 18, 1894	"		*44 00					
Mar. 30, 1895	"		80 00					
May 10, 1895	"	70 00	68 00					329 00
Aug. 16, 1894	Tebala.				15 00	150 00		
Nov. 1, 1894	"		228 00					
Mar. 27, 1895	"		36 00					
May 4, 1895	"	20 00						449 00
Mar. 13, 1894	Tripoli.		*32 00					
July 13, 1894	"		*80 00					
Oct. 19, 1894	"			1 00				
Dec. 1, 1894	"		30 00					
May 10, 1895	"	60 00	40 00					243 00
Mar. 8, 1894	Yaarab.		*4 00					
April 27, 1894	"		*6 00					
May 31, 1894	"		*26 00					
Nov. 27, 1894	"		18 00					
Jan. 5, 1895	"		2 00					
April 22, 1895	"		32 00					
April 29, 1895	"	30 00						118 00
Feb. 4, 1895	Zamora.		58 00					
May 24, 1895	"	20 00	14 00					92 00
Jan. 28, 1894	Zem Zem.		*132 00					
Nov. 10, 1894	"		36 00					
Feb. 16, 1895	"		22 00					
May 13, 1895	"	30 00	46 00					266 00
May 10, 1894	Ziyara.		*54 00					
June 23, 1894	"		*26 00					
Feb. 22, 1895	"		16 00					
May 14, 1895	"	60 00						156 00
Feb. 26, 1894	Zuhrah.		*46 00					
May 9, 1894	"		*24 00	*2 00				
	<i>Carried forward.</i>	\$4,013 00	\$14,486 00	\$77 00	\$90 00	\$450 00	\$599 84	\$19,643 84

Receipts. — Continued.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensations.	Money Returned from Mileage and Per Diem.	Totals.
	<i>Brought forward.</i>	\$4,013 00	\$14,486 00	\$77 00	\$90 00	\$450 00	\$599 84	\$19,643 84
June 8, 1894	Zuhrah.....		*24 00					
Aug. 16, 1894	"		30 00					
Nov. 9, 1894	"		20 00					
Jan. 4, 1895	"		4 00					
Mar. 1, 1895	"		18 00					
May 4, 1895	"		24 00					
May 13, 1895	"	50 00						242 00
	Totals.....	\$4,063 00	\$14,606 00	\$77 00	\$90 00	\$450 00	\$599 84	\$19,885 84
Nov. 21, 1894.	Fee returned by Moslem Temple for J. P. McCord.....							23 00
Oct. 8, 1894.	Received from Joseph S. Wright balance cash in his hands.....							244 43
	Total.....							\$20,153 27

SUMMARY OF ABOVE AMOUNTS.

Total Receipts by Imperial Recorders..... \$20,153 27
 Less amounts * received by F. M. Luce, Imperial Recorder,
 from Jan. 1, 1893, to July 24, 1894, as follows:—

Initiation Fees.....	\$4,704 00
Duplicate Diploma Fees.....	20 00
Rituals	15 00
	<u>\$4,739 00</u>

Amount received by B. W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, from
 July 25, 1894, to June 15, 1895, on account of term of
 16 months, ending April 30, 1895, as follows:—

Annual Dues.....	\$4,063 00
Initiation Fees.....	9,902 00
Duplicate Diploma Fees.....	57 00
Rituals	75 00
Dispensations	450 00
Mileage and Per Diem Returned.....	599 84
For Fee J. P. McCord returned by Moslem Temple,	23 00
Cash received from J. S. Wright, former Treasurer,	244 43
	<u>\$15,414 27</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Receipts from May 9, 1895, for new year's Account.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensations.	Money Returned from Mince and Per Diem.	Totals.
May 9, 1895	Aleppo.....		\$248 00					
" 9, 1895	Rajah.....		60 00					
" 13, 1895	Kaaba.....		32 00					
" 15, 1895	Pyramid.....		126 00					
" 15, 1895	".....		2 00					
" 23, 1895	Osiris.....		96 00					
" 23, 1895	Yaarab.....		6 00					
" 23, 1895	Zamora.....		32 00					
" 27, 1895	Moila.....		58 00					
" 27, 1895	Kora.....		34 00					
" 30, 1895	El Katif.....		22 00					
" 31, 1895	Jerusalem.....		18 00					
" 31, 1895	Media.....		62 00					
" 31, 1895	Kaaba.....		154 00					
" 31, 1895	Kismet.....		28 00					
June 4, 1895	Mohammed.....		104 00					
" 4, 1895	Rajah.....		150 00					
" 5, 1895	Mecca.....		64 00					
" 7, 1895	Kosair.....		48 00					
" 8, 1895	Hamasa.....		20 00					
" 8, 1895	Moolah.....		62 00					
" 10, 1895	Boumi.....		20 00					
" 11, 1895	Moslem.....		74 00					
" 15, 1895	Zuhrah.....		54 00	\$1 00				
" 17, 1895	Rajah.....		4 00					
" 17, 1895	Abdallah.....		34 00					
" 17, 1895	Syrian.....		82 00					
" 18, 1895	Ballut Abyad.....		38 00					
" 20, 1895	Morocco.....		22 00					
" 22, 1895	Ahmed.....		36 00					
" 24, 1895	Ararat.....		10 00					
" 25, 1895	Abdallah.....		20 00					
" 26, 1895	Mecca.....		50 00					
" 26, 1895	Moolah.....		10 00					
" 27, 1895	Hamasa.....		2 00					
" 27, 1895	Moila.....		64 00					
July 1, 1895	El Jebel.....		38 00					
" 3, 1895	Zem Zem.....		76 00					
" 5, 1895	Medinah.....		130 00					
" 5, 1895	Isis.....		114 00					
" 5, 1895	Oasis.....		22 00					
" 6, 1895	Oriental.....		68 00					
" 8, 1895	Al Koran.....		44 00					
" 12, 1895	Mt. Sinai.....		56 00					
" 15, 1895	El Kalah.....		34 00					
" 15, 1895	India.....		18 00					
" 29, 1895	Kaaba.....		8 00	1 00				
" 30, 1895	Mt. Sinai.....		50 00					
Aug. 5, 1895	Zuhrah.....		22 00					
" 6, 1895	Ziyara.....		14 00					
" 7, 1895	Korein.....		2 00					
" 8, 1895	Media.....		54 00					
" 9, 1895	Osiris.....		30 00					
" 12, 1895	Pyramid.....		30 00					
" 15, 1895	Mecca.....		18 00	1 00				
" 16, 1895	Isis.....		22 00	1 00				
" 19, 1895	M.lla.....		6 00					
" 19, 1895	Sahara.....		22 00					
" 19, 1895	Ararat.....							
Totals..			\$2,794 00	\$4 00				

On July, 25, 1894, by order of the Imperial Potentate, I issued a dispensation to Tebala Temple of Rockford, Ill.

On Oct. 8, 1894, issued dispensation to Korein Temple, Rawlins, Wyoming.

On Oct. 10, 1894, issued dispensation to Oasis Temple, Charlotte, N.C.

RITUALS.

On the 25th day of October, 1894, I received by express from the Chairman of the Ritual Committee, Noble George H. Walker of Alnas Temple, 499 copies of the new ritual, receipt of which was duly acknowledged.

Oct. 27, 1894, I received from the Imperial Potentate a letter, calling my attention to Section 4 of Article 16 of the Code, which defines how the ritual should be distributed; also notifying me that I was authorized to send, without charge, one copy of the new ritual for each copy of the old ritual, bound in green cloth cover, returned by Temples, provided that not more than three copies should be issued to any one Temple.

I was instructed that should any Temple be found to have more than three copies, to take up all of the old rituals as sent, keeping a memorandum of the same and reporting to this body, that the question of refunding money to any Temple might be settled by the Imperial Council, at this, its annual session.

I was also instructed that should any copies be sent to me by individuals, other than Potentates or Recorders, under seal of the Temple, to report each case to the Imperial Potentate, after acknowledging receipt of the ritual to the party, calling attention to the code, which says rituals can only be issued on order of the Imperial Potentate.

I have had prepared, in pursuance of these instructions, a book, entitled "The Ritual Record," with the rituals issued, together with numbers, and parties to whom they were sent.

I have also had bound in book form for preservation the receipts for the rituals forwarded and received from the various Temples who have exchanged rituals, and I have to report that all of the Temples have exchanged the new ritual for the old.

The following is the record of the new rituals that have been distributed:—

Temple.	No. Sent.	Temple.	No. Sent.
Abdallah	3 32, 33, 34	Aleppo	2 48, 49
Acca	3 72, 73, 74	Algeria	2 153, 154
Affil	3 78, 135, 173	Alhambra	2 11, 12
Ahmed	3 111, 112, 113	Al Chymia	1 57
Aladdin	3 119, 159, 160	Al Kader	3 120, 157, 158

Temple.	No. Sent.	Temple.	No. Sent.
Al Koran	3 5, 6, 7	Mohammed	3 2, 3, 4
Al Malaikah	3 139, 140, 141	Moila	3 129, 130, 142
Almas	1 26	Moolah	3 105, 106, 107
Ararat	2 133, 134	Morocco	1 76
Ballut Abyad	2 91, 92	Moslem	2 93, 94
Ben Hur	1 144	Mt. Sinai	3 65, 66, 67
Boumi	3 8, 9, 10	Murat	3 131, 132, 168
Cyprus	2 121, 122	Naja	3 95, 96, 97
Damascus	1 162	Oasis	2 38, 39
El Jebel	3 163, 164, 165	Oriental	1 56
El Kalah	3 136, 137, 138	Osiris	2 101, 102
El Kalir	3 28, 29, 77	Oşman	2 68, 166
El Katif	3 114, 115, 116	Palestine	3 145, 146, 147
El Riad	1 75	Pyramid	3 88, 89, 90
El Zagal	3 169, 170, 171	Rajah	3 22, 23, 24
Hamasa	3 19, 20, 21	Rameses	1 79
Hella	3 117, 118, 119	Sahara	2 46, 47
India	3 13, 14, 15	Salaam	3 80, 81, 82
Isis	3 123, 124, 125	Saladin	3 41, 42, 43
Islam	3 126, 127, 128	Sesostris	2 83, 84
Ismailia	3 149, 150, 151	Syria	3 16, 17, 18
Jerusalem	3 103, 104, 148	Syrian	2 30, 31
Kaaba	1 40	Tebala	3 35, 36, 37
Kismet	3 98, 99, 100	Tangier	2 58, 59
Kora	3 85, 86, 87	Tripoli	3 108, 109, 110
Korein	3 69, 70, 71	Yaarab	1 25
Kosair	2 152, 161	Zamora	3 174, 175, 176
Lu Lu	3 53, 54, 55	Zem Zem	3 50, 51, 52
Mecca	3 155, 156, 172	Ziyara'	1 143
Medinah	3 44, 45, 167	Zuhrah	3 62, 63, 64
Media	2 60, 61		

I also hold the receipt of the Imperial Potentate, William B. Melish, for Ritual No. 1.

In return for these rituals, as per instruction, I have received the following old rituals: —

Abdallah	Green Cloth Cover	3	156, 144, 143
Abdallah	Paper “	2	1, 2
Acca	“ Cloth “	3	250, 251, 252
Affi	“ “ “	2	187, 185
Affi	Paper “	1	8

Ahmed	Green Cloth Cover	3	286, 287, 288
Aladdin	" " "	2	295, 296
Aleppo	" " "	2	37 (1 without No.)
Algeria	" " "	2	253, 254
Alhambra	" " "	1	198
Alhambra	Paper "	1	17
Al Chymia	" Cloth "	1	236
Al Kader	" " "	1	173
Al Kader	Paper "	3	19, 20, 21
Al Koran	" Cloth "	4	289, 12, 140, 39
Al Malaikah	" " "	3	213, 214, 174
Almas	" " "	2	110, 107
Ararat	" " "	2	165, 166
Ballut Abyad	" " "	2	78, 80
Ben Hur	" " "	1	240
Boumi	" " "	3	199, 200, 201
Boumi	Paper "	3	43, 44, 45
Cyprus	" Cloth "	2	145, 154
Damascus	" " "	1	23
El Jebel	" " "	Fifteen Dollars	
El Kalah	" " "	Five Dollars (2)	211, 217
El Kahir	" " "	Five Dollars (2)	115, 160
El Kahir	Paper "	3	58, 59, 60
El Katif	" Cloth "	3	218, 219, 220
El Katif	Paper "	3	61, 62, 63
El Riad	" Cloth "	1	297
El Zagal	" " "	3	205, 206, 207
Hamasa	" " "	3	258, 257, 259
Hella	" " "	3	137, 138, 230
India	" " "	2	283, 283
Isis	" " "	Five Dollars (2)	188, 141
Islam	" " "	3	60, 40, 51
Ismailia	" " "	3	162, 163, 164
Jerusalem	" " "	3	94, 95, 142
Jerusalem	Paper "	1	82
Kaaba	" Cloth "	1	139
Kismet	" " "	4	225 (3 without No.)
Kora	" " "	3	204, 243, 244
Korein	" " "	Fifteen Dollars	
Kosair	" " "	2	87, 88
Lu Lu	" " "	3	63, 67, 71
Mecca	" " "	3	6, 70, 135
Medinah	" " "	3	84, 202, 203
Media	" " "	2	233 (1 without No.)

Media		Paper Cover	3	106, 107, 108
Mohammed	Green Cloth	"	3	281, 284, 285
Moila	"	"	3	168, 256, 293
Moolah	"	"	3	123, 290, 29
Morocco	"	"	1	249
Moslem	"	"	2	231, 232
Mt. Sinai	"	"	3	161, 47, 192
Murat	"	"	Five Dollars (2)	81, 82
Naja	"	"	3	255, 263, 264
Oasis			Ten Dollars	
Oriental		One marked "Proof Copy"		
Oriental		Paper Cover	1	127
Osiris	Green-Cloth	"	2	128, 130
Osman	"	"	2	99, 100
Palestine	"	"	4	112, 113, 206, 266
Pyramid	"	"	4	26, 27, 65, 229
Rajah	"	"	3	260, 261, 262
Rameses	"	"	1	146
Sahara	"	"	2	189, 190
Salaam	"	"	3	69, 98, 216
Saladin	"	"	3	121, 209, 210
Sesostris	"	"	2	152, 153
Syria	"	"	5	48, 49, 50, 118, 119
Syrian	"	"	2	14, 15
Syrian	Paper	"	1	162
Tebala			Fifteen Dollars	
Tangier	"	Cloth	2	193, 194
Tripoli	"	"	4	89, 90, 91, 92
Yaarab	"	"	1	208
Zamora	"	"	3	221, 222, 223
Zem Zem	"	"	3	244, 245, 246
Zem Zem	Paper	"	3	175, 166, 177
Ziyara	"	Cloth	1	28
Zuhrah	"	"	3	196, 106, 105

In compliance with the orders of the Imperial Potentate as to the disposition of these old rituals, I was instructed to burn them in the presence of other members of the Order, which I have done, and the following is the list that have been destroyed:—

Green Covers.

6	90	153	209	258	302	337
11	91	156	210	259	303	338
12	92	157	211	260	304	339
14	94	160	213	261	305	340
15	95	161	214	262	306	341
26	98	162	216	263	307	342
27	99	163	217	264	308	343
28	100	164	218	266	309	344
32	105	165	219	270	310	345
37	106	166	220	271	311	346
39	107	168	221	272	312	347
40	110	172	222	273	313	348
42	112	173	223	274	314	349
47	113	174	225	275	315	350
48	115	185	226	276	316	351
49	118	186	229	277	317	352
50	119	187	230	278	318	353
51	121	188	231	279	319	354
54	123	189	234	280	320	355
61	125	190	236	281	321	356
63	126	192	240	282	322	357
65	128	193	243	283	323	358
67	130	194	244	284	324	359
69	135	196	245	285	325	360
70	137	198	246	286	326	361
71	138	199	247	287	327	362
75	139	200	249	288	328	363
78	140	201	250	289	329	364
80	141	202	251	290	330	365
81	142	203	252	291	331	366
82	143	204	253	293	332	367
84	144	205	254	295	333	368
87	145	206	255	296	334	368
88	146	207	256	297	335	370
89	152	208	257	301	336	(4, no No.)

Paper Covers.

1	85	159	215	237	259	281
2	86	162	216	238	260	282
8	87	175	217	239	261	283
17	91	176	218	240	262	284
20	92	177	219	241	263	285
21	94	181	220	242	264	286
37	96	182	221	243	265	287
38	103	183	222	244	266	288
39	104	201	223	245	267	289
43	105	202	224	246	268	290
44	106	203	225	247	269	291
45	107	204	226	248	270	292
46	108	205	227	249	271	293
47	127	206	228	250	272	294
48	145	207	229	251	273	295
58	146	208	230	252	274	296
59	147	209	231	253	275	297
60	148	210	232	254	276	298
61	149	211	233	255	277	299
62	150	212	234	256	278	300
63	157	213	235	257	279	
82	158	214	236	258	280	

RITUALS UNACCOUNTED FOR.

Green Cloth.

1	24	56	93	131	175	233
2	25	57	96	132	176	235
3	29	58	97	133	177	237
4	30	59	101	134	178	238
5	31	60	102	136	179	239
7	33	62	103	147	180	241
8	34	64	104	148	181	242
9	35	66	108	149	182	248
10	36	68	109	150	183	265
13	38	72	111	151	184	267
16	41	73	114	154	191	268
17	43	74	116	155	195	269
18	44	76	117	158	197	292
19	45	77	120	159	212	294
20	46	79	122	167	215	298
21	52	83	124	169	224	299
22	53	85	127	170	227	300
23	55	86	129	171	228	

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL

Paper Covers.

3	30	67	97	125	154	186
4	31	68	98	126	155	187
5	32	69	99	128	156	188
6	33	70	100	129	160	189
7	34	71	101	130	161	190
9	35	72	102	131	163	191
10	36	73	109	132	164	192
11	40	74	110	133	165	193
12	41	75	111	134	166	194
13	42	76	112	135	167	195
14	49	77	113	136	168	196
15	50	78	114	137	169	197
16	51	79	115	138	170	198
18	52	80	116	139	171	199
22	53	81	117	140	172	200
23	54	83	118	141	173	
24	55	84	119	142	174	
25	56	88	120	143	178	
26	57	89	121	144	179	
27	64	90	122	151	180	
28	65	93	123	152	184	
29	66	95	124	153	185	

All of which is fraternally submitted,

B. W. ROWELL,
Imperial Recorder.

On motion of Noble Jordan the report of the Imperial Recorder was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

Total Receipts.....	\$15,414 27
To Interest First National Bank to date.....	90 40
Grand Total.....	\$15,504 67

		By		
1894. Warrant.		No.		
Sept.	8	1	Wm. Ryan, Printing, Postage and Ritual Committee,	\$ 3 85
"	8	2	Joseph Eichbaum & Co., Printing annual address, T. J. Hudson.....	131 25
Oct.	8	3	India Temple, Guarantee Fund returned paid on Application Charter.....	100 00
"	8	4	Armstrong & Fillmore, 1,000 Copies Constitution and Laws.....	44 00
"	8	5	A. J. Camp, 2 days' Attendance on Ritual Commit- tee, Denver.....	20 00
"	8	6	W. B. Melish, on Account Contingent Fund.....	200 00
"	8	7	Albert B. McGaffey, 3 days' attendance Ritual Com- mittee.....	30 00
"	8	8	Sylvester O. Spring, 3 days' attendance Ritual Com- mittee at Denver.....	30 00
"	8	9	Willis S. Gardner, 2 days' attendance Ritual Com- mittee at Denver.....	20 00
"	8	10	Geo. D. Babbitt, 3 days' attendance Ritual Committee at Denver.....	30 00
"	8	11	Henry C. Akin, 2 days' attendance Ritual Committee at Denver.....	20 00
"	8	12	Wm. S. Brown, 1 day's attendance Ritual Committee at Denver.....	10 00
"	8	13	A. N. Sloan, 3 days' attendance Ritual Committee at Denver.....	30 00
"	8	14	J. M. Birch, 1 day's attendance Ritual Committee at Denver.....	10 00
"	8	15	John H. Atwood, Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Con- clave, Denver.....	6 10
"	8	16	A. B. Keller, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	6 10
"	8	17	Dwight Byington, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	6 10
"	8	18	Clarence E. De Camp, additional mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	6 00
"	8	19	Harrison Dingman, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	21 67
"	8	20	Geo. H. Walker, Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Con- clave, Denver.....	21 67
"	8	21	James H. Wardle, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	21 67
"	8	22	D. B. Waddell, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	13 00
"	8	23	Jos. Swope, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	37 56
"	8	24	L. M. Knepley, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	37 56
"	8	25	Jas. Garrity, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	37 56
Oct.	8	26	Chas. W. Cushman, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	2 75
	8	27	F. F. Gilbert, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	2 75

Carried forward

\$899 59

NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE

63

By			
1894.	Warrant		
	No.	<i>Brought forward</i>	\$899 59
Oct.	8 23	Geo. S. Brown, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	2 75
"	8 29	Erastus C. Knight, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	2 75
"	8 30	Geo. D. Babbitt, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	40 00
"	8 31	Wm. Ryan, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	4 00
"	8 32	Otto F. Stifel, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	10 34
"	8 33	Wm. F. Mayo, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	10 34
"	8 34	B. F. Nelson, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	10 40
"	8 35	Jno. Horricks, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	42 66
"	8 36	Wm. Finder, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	42 66
"	8 37	Henry Schneider, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	42 66
"	8 38	W. H. S. Wright, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	23 19
"	8 39	O. M. Metcalf, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	23 19
"	8 40	J. W. Chamberlain, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	23 19
"	8 41	W. F. Beck, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	2 00
"	8 42	Levi C. Goodale, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	35 90
"	8 43	J. H. Bromwell, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	35 90
"	8 44	Allen Andrews, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	35 90
"	8 45	M. S. Buchwalter, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	35 90
"	8 46	W. B. Mellish, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	19 80
"	8 47	M. A. Doran, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	1 67
"	8 48	Jno. Graham, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	1 67
"	8 49	Jas. J. Anderton, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	1 67
"	8 50	Jno. W. Boyle, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	1 00
"	8 51	N. F. Martin, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	1 00
"	8 52	Jos. L. Dobbin, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	7 50
"	8 53	Jno. A. Schlenner, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....	7 50
<i>Carried forward</i>			\$1,365 13

		By				
1894. Warrant		No.	<i>Brought forward.....</i>			\$1,365 13
Oct.	8	54	Jno. B. Hudson, additional Mileage and Per Diem, 20th Conclave, Denver.....		7 50	
"	8	55	E. B. Stillings & Co., Printing, etc.....		96 31	
Nov.	6	56	Henry Akin, Expense Account, Instituting Temple, Rawlins, Wyoming.....		40 00	
"	6	57	Ahmed Temple, Guarantee Fee returned.....		100 00	
"	6	58	Jos. S. Wright, Testimonial voted July 25, at Denver,		500 00	
"	17	60	W. B. Melish, on Account Contingent Fund.....		200 00	
"	17	61	Aladdin Temple, Guarantee Fund returned.....		100 00	
"	27	62	Gibson Bros., Printing and Binding New Ritual.....		181 50	
"	27	64	B. W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, Expressage, Telegram, Postage, etc.....		114 26	
"	27	63	B. W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, four months' salary as Imperial Recorder.....		500 00	
Dec.	6	59	Robt. M. Johnston, Testimonial Jewel to Frank M. Luce.....		250 00	
"	6	65	The Citizens Trust & Security Co., Premium on Treasurer's Bond (balance).....		27 77	
"	12	66	E. B. Stillings & Co., Diplomas, etc., bill Oct. 1, 1894,		145 50	
"	12	67	E. B. Stillings & Co., Printing Proceedings 21st Annual Session.....		349 23	
"	12	68	E. B. Stillings & Co., Printing and bill Oct. 1, 1894,		164 76	
"	12	69	E. B. Stillings & Co., Printing Supplies, bill Dec. 11, 1894.....		71 85	
1895.						
Jan.	10	70	Edward Williams Co., Past Imperial Potentate Jewel.....		490 00	
"	16	71	David R. Alling, Mileage and Per Diem returned, Imperial Council in error.....		20 50	
"	16	72	Jas. McGee, Expense to Pittsburgh, presenting Past Imperial Potentate Jewel.....		28 00	
Feb.	2	73	E. F. Allen, Inspecting India Temple, Oklahoma.....		34 90	
April	3	74	B. W. Rowell, Salary, Expressage and Postage.....		563 31	
"	5	75	W. B. Melish, Imperial Potentate, Contingent Fund.....		300 00	
May	15	76	W. S. Brown, for Stationery, Envelopes, Stamps and Cash-Book.....		9 70	
"	28	77	Jno. W. Geiger, El Kabir Temple, Floral Tribute, C. W. Eaton.....		45 00	
July	29	78	B. W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, four months' Salary, Postage, Telegrams, etc.....		544 16	
Aug.	12	79	W. S. Brown, Imperial Treasurer, Salary one year.....		100 00	
"	12	80	E. B. Stillings & Co., Printing, Bills December, 1894, January, February, April, May, June and July, 1895.....		277 13	
Total.....						5,261 38
						\$6,626 51

RECAPITULATION.

Cash from Imperial Recorder, B. W. Rowell, from Aug. 28, 1894, to June 17, 1895.....	\$15,414 27
Interest on deposit in First National Bank of Pittsburgh from Aug. 28, 1894, to Sept. 2, 1895.....	90 40
Total Receipts.....	15,504 67
Total Disbursements.....	6,626 51
Balance on hand for year ending April 30, 1895.....	\$8,878 16

Cash received for year beginning May 1, 1895.

1895.								
June 3	To Cash from B. W. Rowell, Recorder, Receipt No. 33.....	\$978 00						
" 15	" " " " " " " " " 34.....	318 00						
" 17	" " " " " " " " " 36.....	279 00						
" 22	" " " " " " " " " 37.....	180 00						
July 3	" " " " " " " " " 38.....	230 00						
" 10	" " " " " " " " " 39.....	474 00						
Aug. 9	" " " " " " " " " 40.....	169 00						
	Total.....	\$2,628 00						
	Former balance for year ending April 30, 1895.....	8,878 16						
	Total Cash in the hands of the Imperial Treasurer.....	\$11,506 16						

All of which is respectfully submitted by

Your Imperial Treasurer,

W. S. BROWN.

On motion of Noble Mayo the report was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The Imperial Potentate appointed the following named Nobles to fill vacancies on the following Committees:—

CREDENTIALS.

James Gilbert *vice* Henry C. Akin.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

A. B. McGaffey *vice* J. H. Peabody.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

J. B. Hudson *vice* John A. Schlener.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. M. Johnson *vice* Chester T. Drake.
L. L. Caufy " John S. Elliott.

MILEAGE AND PAY OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Evan Morris *vice* Merwin Jackson.

Noble John W. Geiger, Chairman of the Committee on the Transactions of Imperial Officers, presented the following report, and moved its adoption.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE TRANSACTIONS OF IMPERIAL OFFICERS.

To the Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine :

Your Committee appointed to consider the Annual Address of the Imperial Potentate and the reports of the Imperial Treasurer and the Imperial Recorder, beg to say that they have examined the same, and would make the following suggestions :

1. That so much of the address of the Imperial Potentate as refers to Charters and Dispensations be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

2. That so much of the address as refers to Finance and Accounts be referred to the Committee on that subject.

3. That all matters referring to Jurisprudence and Laws be referred to the Committee charged with those matters.

4. That so much of the address as refers to the Shrine in Mexico, England and other countries be referred to a special Committee of three, to be appointed by the Imperial Potentate to consider the same.

5. That the consideration of all matters relating to deceased Nobles, members of the Imperial Council, be referred to the Committee on Necrology.

6. That so much of the address as refers to Grievances and Appeals be referred to the Committee on those subjects.

7. That the portion of the address referring to improper publications and the future of the Order be referred to a special Committee of five to be appointed by the Imperial Potentate, and that said Committee shall report before the close of this Annual Session of the Imperial Council.

Your Committee regard it as a matter for congratulation that the unstinted charity of the Order has not only grown in volume but has as well been brought to notice, as it deserves to be.

It is also a cause for pleasurable emotions that no cases of grievance or appeals have come up to mar the harmony of the Council or disturb the peace of the Order.

We are pleased to note that this year marks the largest growth and yet the healthy constitution of the general membership of the Order, and while we do not believe that the best interests of the nobility can be conserved by too great haste for numbers, we do feel proud of the present standing of the A.A.O.N.M.S.

Your Committee would also express their thanks to Allah the Merciful, the Compassionate, that he has been pleased to bless our Imperial

Potentate with health and strength to present before us so able and concise an address and like pleasure at the evident care and efficiency of our Imperial Treasurer and Recorder.

JOHN W. GEIGER, *Chairman*,
GEO. F. LODER,
M. R. WOLFE,
HUGH STERLING,
JAS. A. FOX,

Committee.

On motion the report was adopted unanimously, and the suggestions therein contained concurred in.

The Imperial Potentate appointed as the Committee to consider the subject matter of the address referring to Improper Publications:—

JOHN W. GEIGER,
R. H. LLOYD,

LOU B. WINSOR.
R. R. SWOPE,

WILLIAM H. MAYO.

On motion the Imperial Council took a recess until 2 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Imperial Council was called to order at 2.30 P.M. by the Imperial Potentate.

Noble Nelson, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Accounts, presented the following report and moved its adoption, and that the recommendations therein stated be concurred in.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council N.M.S.

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts report that they have carefully examined the books, vouchers and accounts of the Imperial Recorder and find them to be correct.

There have been collected the following amounts:—

On account of dues	\$4,063 00
On account of fees	9,902 00
From Noble J. S. Wright, ex. Imperial Treasurer	244 43
From all other sources	1,204 84
Total to April 30, 1895	\$15,414 27

Paid Imperial Treasurer	\$15,414 27
There was collected since May 1, 1895, from all sources . . .	2,798 00
Paid Imperial Treasurer	2,628 00
Balance in hands of Recorder	\$170 00

We find upon examination of the books and vouchers of the Imperial Treasurer as follows:—

Received from Imperial Recorder	\$15,414 27
Received on account of interest	90 40
	\$15,504 67
Disbursed on account of warrants, Nos. 1 to 80, inclusive . .	6,626 51
Balance in hands of Imperial Treasurer April 30, 1895 . . .	\$8,878 16
Received since April 30, 1895, from Imperial Recorder . . .	2,628 00

Your Committee desire to express their commendation of the neatness and accuracy with which the accounts of the Imperial Recorder and the Imperial Treasurer have been kept. The system throughout is plain, simple and comprehensive.

We recommend that \$1,000 be appropriated, from which the Imperial Potentate may draw from time to time, to cover expenses in the discharge of his official duties.

We recommend that the salary of the Imperial Recorder, for the ensuing year, be fixed at \$2,000, this amount to include office rent and clerical assistance, also the engrossing of diplomas.

We recommend that six hundred copies of the Proceedings of this Session of the Imperial Council be printed and distributed in the same manner as heretofore.

We recommend that the mileage of this Session be fixed at five cents per mile, one way, and that the per diem be \$10 per day for not to exceed two days.

We recommend that the stenographer serving at this session be paid the sum of \$100 for his services, and also his mileage at five cents per mile one way from Buffalo to Nantasket.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. NELSON,
G. F. WHITE,
THOMAS WATERMAN,
PHIL. BISSINGER,

Committee on Finance and Accounts.

On motion the report was adopted unanimously.

Noble Johnson, Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, presented the following report, and moved its adoption.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals unite with the Committee on Transactions of the Imperial Officers in congratulating the Imperial Council upon the fact that there is no business coming before our Committee. That the transactions of the Order should be conducted during the entire year without any cases of appeal either from the acts or decisions of the Imperial Potentate or on the part of any of the seventy-one Temples of the country, indicates beyond a doubt that peace and harmony are the distinguishing characteristics of the Order.

Your Committee respectfully ask to be relieved from further duty and beg to remain,

In the faith,

R. M. JOHNSON,
LOU BURT,
JOHN T. MARSH,
J. S. ARNOLD,

Committee.

On motion the report was adopted unanimously.

Noble Schwatka, Chairman of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, presented the following report, and moved its adoption.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

*To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council,
A.A.O.N.M.S.*

Your Committee on Dispensations and Charters have carefully considered all matters brought before them and desire to present the following as their report:—

1. In the matter of the establishment of a Temple at Rockford, Ill., your Committee, upon the facts and papers presented, recommend the granting of a charter under the name of "Tebala" Temple.

2. In the matter of petition for dispensation for establishment of a Temple at Seattle, Wash., your Committee, after a full and careful consideration of the request, report that at this time they deem it inadvisable to grant it.

3. In the matter of petition for charter by "Korein" Temple of Rawlins, Wyo., your Committee recommend that same be granted.

4. In matter of petition for charter for Temple to be stationed at Wilkes Barre, Pa., to be designated as "Irem" Temple, your Committee would report that they have carefully examined the papers, etc., brought before them and find the petition has been recommended by both "Lu Lu" and "Rajah" Temples and would therefore recommend that the petition be granted and a charter issued.

5. In the matter of petition for charter by "Oasis" Temple at Charlotte, N.C., your Committee would recommend the same be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. B. SCHWATKA, *Chairman*,
JOS. S. WRIGHT,
A. B. MCGAFFEY,
C. L. FIELD,

Committee.

On motion the report was adopted unanimously.

Noble Burnham of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws presented the following report, and moved its adoption.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

To the Imperial Council:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, to whom was referred the matter of jurisdiction of Kaaba and El Kahir Temples over the State of Iowa, have the honor to report that hearing was given the representatives of both Temples who presented the case in full and in a truly fraternal spirit, and the subject has been carefully considered by the Committee. The two Temples are located in the easterly part of the State, that of Kaaba being on the extreme easterly boundary thereof and they are only about eighty miles apart—this leaves the territorial jurisdiction of that Temple exceedingly small. An agreement was projected by which the State would be divided by a line extending through the State from East to West varying to accommodate itself to county lines, population, etc., but this has never been fully ratified except by Kaaba Temple, and it is desired by both that the jurisdiction be determined upon an equitable basis. As the Constitution of this Council now stands, no such division of the State as is desired can be made except by agreement of the parties themselves. In this they fail to agree and no course is left to the Committee except to recommend that the jurisdiction of the State of Iowa be made concurrent between the two Temples now holding the territory and we so report.

The Committee recommend the passage of the following resolution :—

Resolved. That Kaaba Temple stationed at Davenport and El Kahir Temple stationed at Cedar Rapids be given concurrent jurisdiction over the State of Iowa.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN ANDREWS, *Chairman*,
GEORGE H. BURNHAM,
HARRISON DINGMAN,
J. H. MAURITIUS,
LOU B. WINSOR,
Committee.

Noble Ryan offered an amendment that the matter be laid on the table for one year.

Seconded.

The question being put to the Council on the amendment it was declared lost.

The Imperial Potentate then put the original motion, that the report be adopted as read, which was duly carried.

Noble Andrews, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, presented the following report, prefacing the same with these remarks :—

I will say before commencing to read the report that it has been written up in sections so as to confine itself to one subject at a time, and I believe we will be more intelligent in our deliberations to allow one topic to be read and voted upon before we proceed to the consideration of the next.

It was resolved that the report be considered and acted upon by sections as each is read.

Noble Andrews then read the report as follows :—

To the Imperial Potentate and Members of the Imperial Council :

Your Committee beg leave to report :

That there have been submitted to us nine

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Of these in their Order : It is proposed to amend Section 2, Article III., by inserting in the third line thereof after the words "entitled to" the following words : " of whom any member of such Temple who is at such time an officer of the Imperial Council shall be one."

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to compel any Temple, whose representative may be chosen by the Imperial Council as one of its officers; to return the same representative the succeeding year, and so

on as long as such representatives shall remain in office. The effect would be to deprive such Temple of its choice of representative, and it would therefore be without just representation, for no one is truly represented in an agent chosen by another. Besides, any member of a Temple, with the prestige of office in the Imperial Council, who cannot be elected representative of his Temple without the aid of this compulsory provision, can hardly be worthy of the honor. Lest it be said that the Imperial Council may be embarrassed by the failure of Temples to chose its officers as representatives, we remark that this is by no means apparent, and has never yet occurred. Besides, if any difficulty threatens from this source it may be guarded against by suitable amendment of Section 1, Article IV., rather than to place a limitation upon the free choice of a representative by one Temple which is not imposed upon other Temples.

We therefore disapprove and recommend the rejection of this proposed amendment.

On motion the proposed amendment was rejected.

It is proposed to amend Section 1, Article V., by adding the words, "He may censure or suspend Temples; or discipline and suspend officers or members of Temples for violation or disobedience of the Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council, said suspension to be in force until the next session of the Imperial Council."

The purpose of this is to define and enlarge the powers of the Imperial Potentate. Censure and discipline are in their character essentially primitive and we do not think it is necessary, wise or prudent to confer upon the Imperial Potentate power to punish. In our opinion, however, it may at times be necessary, in order to secure the due administration of our laws, for the Imperial Potentate to exercise that power of suspension which may almost be said to be inherent in the chief executive office of every form of organized society. Your Committee, therefore, eliminating the objectionable feature, recommends the adoption of the proposed amendment, as restated in the following language, so that the whole Section will read:

SECTION 1. The Imperial Potentate is the executive officer of the Order within the jurisdiction of this Imperial Council. He may suspend until the next session of the Imperial Council, or for a less time, any officer of the Imperial Council, or any Temple or officer thereof, for violation or disobedience of the Constitution, Regulations or Edicts of the Imperial Council.

On motion the amendment as restated by the Committee was adopted by an unanimous vote.

The next three amendments proposed relate to territorial jurisdictions of Temples. This subject has occasioned so much difficulty that it may be regretted that the Imperial Council is not authorized and required, whenever it grants a charter for a new Temple in a State or district where one or more already exists, to fix the boundary lines of such Temple with power to change the same for good cause. Perhaps we could not adopt such a policy now without inviting confusion and controversy, and we can only consider the many amendments that may be offered from time to time.

It is proposed to make Section 1, Article XIV., to read: "Provided, also, that Temples occupying the same State or Territory may agree upon concurrent jurisdiction within or an equitable division of their territory, should they so desire; provided, also, that the Imperial Council may declare concurrent jurisdiction or an equitable division of territory between all Temples in States where more than one Temple exists," etc.

As the section now stands, the Imperial Council may declare, and the Temples may agree upon, concurrent jurisdiction, but there is no express power conferred upon the former to declare or upon the latter to agree upon an equitable division of territory. The proposed amendment is for the purpose of granting this power and we recommend its adoption.

On motion the proposed amendment was adopted by an unanimous vote.

It is proposed to amend Section 1, Article XIV., by inserting after the words, "Provided, also, that Temples occupying the same State or Territory may agree upon concurrent jurisdiction within their territory if they so desire," these words: "But such agreement may be terminated by any Temple within such territory by giving ten days' notice, in writing, to the other Temple or Temples in such territory of its purpose to terminate such agreement."

This amendment if adopted will enable a Temple to obtain a charter or other benefit or advantage upon the faith of its agreement upon concurrent jurisdiction, or one, having already so obtained a charter or other benefit or advantage, to break its contract without returning the consideration, and without restoring the contracting parties to their former status. It places a premium upon bad faith and is violative of common honesty and we disapprove the same. Whenever the agreement of Temples or the action of the Imperial Council regarding boundary lines becomes inequitable or unjust by reason of changing conditions or shifting population, relief should be granted by the proper authority, but agreements should not be terminable at the violation of one party and without the consent of the other. We recommend the rejection of the amendment offered.

On motion the amendment was rejected.

It is also proposed to amend Section 1, Article XIV., by striking out all of the section commencing with "Jurisdictional boundaries between any two Temples are determined," etc., and ending with "The latter line will constitute the jurisdictional boundary between the two Temples."

The effect of this is to eliminate from the Section the entire second paragraph which seems to be surplusage. In our opinion, the subject is covered by the other provisions, and we approve and recommend the adoption of this amendment.

On motion the amendment was unanimously adopted.

We approve and recommend the adoption of the next amendment proposed which is as follows: To amend Section 5 of Article V., by omitting the words, "And the fees therefor shall be returned to the Imperial Council," and insert the words, "And the fees therefor shall be paid into the treasury of the Temple organized under dispensation."

The amendment was, on motion, adopted by an unanimous vote.

The seventh and eighth amendments proposed both relate to Section 5, Article XXX., and may be considered together. They are as follows: "The payment of the amount of dues for the non-payment of which the member was suspended, reinstates the Noble to membership without action of the Temple."

Change that portion of Section 5, Article XXX., commencing "For conduct unbecoming a member of the Order," etc., so that it shall read: "For conduct unbecoming a member of the Order, it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the members present to suspend from membership, which suspension may be for a definite or indefinite period, and a vote of three-fourths of the members present to expel a member. A member so suspended or expelled can be reinstated only by petition to the Temple. It shall require the consent of two-thirds of the members present to reinstate a suspended member and three-fourths to reinstate an expelled member."

Your Committee regard with favor the legislation suggested in so far as it provides for the reinstatement of suspended or expelled members, but disapproves of the provision enabling a member suspended for non-payment of dues to reinstate himself without action of the Temple by the mere payment of arrearages. We therefore submit the following as a restatement of the desired provision, and recommend its passage or adoption as Section 7 of Article XXX.. To wit: "Section 7. Any Noble suspended or expelled by his Temple may be reinstated by such Temple on written petition and vote, and by the same majority suspending or expelling him, and on payment of all arrearages in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

On motion the changes made by the Committee were approved and the amendments as changed adopted by an unanimous vote.

We approve and recommend the adoption of the amendment offered to Article XXXIII., with a slight modification which we have seen proper to make, so that the first paragraph of the Article shall read as follows:—

“Every Temple shall on the 1st day of May, or within ten days thereafter in each year, transmit to the Imperial Recorder, in such form as shall be furnished, its annual return, accompanied by the dues to the Imperial Council as provided by Article XVI. of this Constitution.”

The amendment was then adopted by an unanimous vote.

In this connection your Committee desire to say that the prevailing practice of offering and moving amendments by mere reference to the Section or a summary statement of the change desired, is very unsatisfactory, imposes unnecessary labor on the Committee and Imperial Recorder and other officers, and leads to confusion and uncertainty in our laws. We therefore desire to offer the following as a standing Resolution, to wit:—

Resolved, That “All amendments to the Constitution and Laws shall be reduced to writing and offered as required by Article XXXIV., and the entire Section proposed to be amended must be fully written out as the same will read with the Amendments incorporated therein. Otherwise no amendment need be considered.”

On motion the standing resolution, as read, was unanimously adopted.

BY-LAWS.

We have examined the By-Laws of several Temples presented to us and recommend that those of Syria Temple of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Damascus Temple, Rochester, N.Y., be approved as submitted, and that those of Aladdin of Columbus, O., be approved as submitted except Section 4 of Article VII., which is in conflict with Section 5 of Article XXX. of the Constitution in so far as it provides for expulsion for non-payment of dues; and we recommend that said Temple be required to make said Section conform to the Constitution. We recommend that the By-Laws of Tebala Temple of Rockford, Ill., be approved as submitted except Section 4 of Article V., which conflicts with Article XXX. of the Constitution, and that said Temple be required to make said section of its By-Laws conform with Section 7 of said Article as the same has been amended at this session of the Imperial Council.

We also recommend that the By-Laws of Sesostri Temple of Lincoln, Neb., be approved as submitted, except Section 5 of Article I., which should be omitted from said By-Laws because not in harmony with the Constitution, and Section 3 of Article IV., which conflicts with, and should be made to conform to, Section 1 of Article XXV. of the Constitu-

tion, and except Section 9, Article IV., which conflicts with, and should be made to conform to, Article XXX. of the Constitution as amended at this session of the Imperial Council.

We also recommend the approval of the By-Laws of Hella Temple of Dallas, Texas, as submitted except Section 4 of Article V., which conflicts with, and should be made to conform to, Article XXX. of the Constitution as amended at this session of the Imperial Council.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN ANDREWS, *Chairman*,
 GEORGE H. BURNHAM,
 HARRISON DINGMAN,
 J. H. MAURITIUS,
 LOU B. WINSOR,
Committee.

On motion the action of the Committee in reference to the By-Laws of the Temples was approved and that portion of the report adopted as read.

On motion of Noble Andrews the report of the Committee as changed by action of the Imperial Council was then unanimously adopted as a whole.

PETITION FOR DISPENSATION FOR NEW TEMPLE.

The Imperial Potentate presented the following petition from Phoenix, Arizona Territory, asking for a dispensation, and permission to establish El Zaraba Temple.

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents that they are Knights Templar, or Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32°, and in good standing as Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, residing in the City of Phoenix, Territory of Arizona, and competent to form and open a Temple of this Order and to properly discharge the various duties thereof, according to the requirements of the Statutes, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council of the Order.

To be designated as El Zaribah Temple. And they beg to recommend Illustrious Noble Robert G. Cochran to be the first Grand Potentate of said Temple.

Dated at Phoenix, this 9th day of June, 1895.

Full Name.	Residence.	Commandery.	Consistory.
Robert G. Cochran,	Phoenix,	St. John's No. 24, N.Y.	Cincinnati, O.
Robert E. Wallace,	Phoenix,	Wihaha No. 4, N.D.,	Dakota No. 1
Wesley S. Laurence,	Phoenix,	St. John's, Kansas,	

Full Name.	Residence.	Commandery.	Consistory.
Myron H. McCord,	Phoenix,	Oshkosh No. 11,	Wisconsin, Valley of Milwaukee
James A. Fleming,	Phoenix,	Colo. No. 1,	Penna, Pittsburgh
William Picknell,	Phoenix,	Mt. Herman No. 7, Neb.,	
Andrew J. Doran,	Florence,	Arizona No. —,	Tucson, A.T.
N. O. Murphy,	Phoenix,	Phoenix No. 3,	Communicated

Noble Ryan moved that the petition be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, which was done.

Noble Waterman moved that an adjournment be made until 9 A.M., Sept. 3, 1895.

Noble Walker moved as an amendment that when this Council adjourns it adjourn until 8 o'clock this evening.

Noble Ryan moved as an amendment the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this Imperial Council hold a night session, commencing at 8 o'clock this evening.

Resolved, That the election of officers to serve this Imperial Council for the ensuing year shall be held at this night session.

Noble Walker accepted the amendment of Noble Ryan; and the motion to adjourn, in accordance with the above amendment, was unanimously carried.

The Imperial Potentate then declared the Council adjourned until 8 P.M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Council was called to order by the Imperial Potentate at 8 P.M.

The Committee on Credentials at this point filed their report, verified by the Recorder and the Committee, with the Recorder.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council, A.A.O.N.M.S.:—

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to submit the following report:—

Credentials in the proper form have been presented to the Committee as to the following named Nobles, and we recommend that they be received as Representatives of their respective Temples and recognized active members of this session of the Imperial Council:

SAM BRIGGS	Member <i>ad vitam</i>
WM. B. MELISH	“ “
THOS. J. HUDSON	“ “

Abdallah Temple.

John H. Atwood.
 Peter J. Freling.
 Clarence C. Goddard.

Acca Temple.

Louis P. Ecker.

Aifi Temple.

Hamilton Allan.

Ahmed Temple.

John Quincy Adams.

Aladdin Temple.

John P. McCuPe.

Aleppo Temple.

Benj. W. Rowell.
 Jas. A. Fox.
 Chas. H. Porter.
 Thos. Waterman.

Algeria Temple.

Geo. H. Casey.

Alhambra Temple.

A. N. Sloan.

Al Chymia Temple.

John F. Bailey.

Al Kader Temple.

W. E. Carll.

Al Koran Temple.

Merwin Jackson.
 Horace A. Bishop.
 Evan Morris.
 Robert M. Hazeltine.

Al Malaikah Temple.

Franklin Jordan.
 Florin L. Jones.

Almas Temple.

Harrison Dingman.
 Geo. H. Walker.
 Harry Standiford.
 Frank H. Thomas.

Ararat Temple.

Ethelbert F. Allen.
 John H. Wiles.
 W. H. Brown.
 Arnold Shanklin.

Ballut Abyad Temple.

Not here.

Ben Hur Temple.

Wm. H. Bell.

Boumi Temple.

Geo. W. Starr.
 J. B. Schwatka.

Cyprus Temple.

Chas. H. Armitage.
 Thomas J. Bishop.

Damascus Temple.

Geo. F. Loder.
 Wm. H. Whiting.
 Portland Avery.

El Jebel Temple.

A. F. Vick Roy.
 S. W. Chaney.
 A. B. McGaffey.
 J. H. Peabody.

El Kalah Temple.

Eben P. Newell.

El Kahir Temple.

John Westley Geiger.
 Chas. H. French.
 Wm. N. Dearborn.
 E. S. Childs.

El Katif Temple.

John H. Shaw.

El Riad Temple.

Park Davis.

W. T. Doolittle.

Frank Brown.

El Zagal Temple.

Thos. Barker, Jr.

Fred B. Fancher.

Hamasa Temple.

C. W. Rubush.

Hella Temple.

L. N. Knepfley.

Joseph Swope.

Moslem Temple.

Wm. M. Bailey.

Chas. F. Beck.

Lou Burt.

E. R. Harris.

Mount Sinai Temple.

Frank A. Dwinell.

Elihu B. Taft.

Murat Temple.

John T. Brush.

Henry H. McGaffey.

Joseph W. Smith.

Chalmers Brown.

Naja Temple.

Wm. J. Makin.

Oasis Temple, U.D.

Not entitled to Rep.

Oriental Temple.

Henry Stowell.

Franklin O. Stiles.

Oliver Dexter, Jr.

Osiris Temple

M. R. Wolff.

E. E. Baldwin.

R. R. Swope.

Osman Temple.

W. H. S. Wright.

T. W. Hugo.

Clarence E. Stone.

Palestine Temple.

George H. Burnham.

Horace K. Blanchard.

George L. Shepley.

Albert L. Anthony.

Pyramid Temple.

Hugh Stirling.

Thaddeus B. Beecher.

C. E. Hoadley.

Rajah Temple.

Phil Bissinger.

Rameses Temple.

Harry A. Collins.

Sahara Temple.

John T. Marsh.

Salaam Temple.

R. F. Powers.

Saladin Temple.

Lou B. Windsor.

Chas. E. Fink.

Henry K. Dean.

Nelson B. Clark.

Sesostris Temple.

John H. Mauritius.

Melchart H. Garten.

Burrows H. Begole.

India Temple.

Frank Harrah.

Isis Temple.

Chas. A. Hiller.
John F. Merrill.
James H. Reeder.

Islam Temple.

Chas. L. Field.
Victor D. Duboce.
Reuben H. Lloyd.
Chas. L. Patton.

Ismailia Temple.

Charles W. Cushman.
Frank T. Gilbert.
Geo. L. Brown.
Erastus C. Knight.

Jerusalem Temple.

Richard Lambert.

Kaaba Temple.

George F. White.
George L. Osborne.
George M. Titus.
Cyrus T. Darling.

Kismet Temple.

Clarence E. Stump.
Frank C. Mason.

Kora Temple.

George D. Babbitt.

Korein Temple, U.D.

Not entitled to Rep.

Kosair Temple.

Wm. Ryan.

Lu Lu Temple.

Joseph S. Wright.
Edward B. Jordan.
Frederick Leibrandt.
Sam. L. Given.

Mecca Temple.

Saram R. Ellison.
George W. Millar.
James McGee.
Augustus W. Peters.

Medinah Temple.

Robert M. Johnson.
Thomas H. Currier.
Wm. Johnston.
F. E. Roundy.

Media Temple.

Fred W. Streeter.
Danford G. Eggleston.

Mohammed Temple.

Seth Fenn Haskins.

Moila Temple.

Maurice W. Steiner.

Moolah Temple.

Gustave W. Nieman.
Benj. F. Nelson.
Wm. H. Mayo.

Morocco Temple.

O. P. Havens.

Syria Temple.

Wm. S. Brown.
James S. Arnold.
James Kerr, Jr.
Americus V. Holmes.

Syrian Temple.

Levi C. Goodale.
Jacob H. Bromwell.
Morris L. Buchwalter.
Allen Andrews.

Tebala Temple, U.D.

Not entitled to Rep.

Tangier Temple.

James Gilbert.
Gustav Anderson.
Winfield S. Strawn.

Tripoli Temple.

Luther S. Caufey.
Eugene S. Elliott.
Wm. H. Brazier.

Yaarab Temple.

H. C. Stockdell.

Zamora Temple.

Wm. B. Phillips.

Zem Zem Temple.

Frank J. Bassett.

Ziyara Temple.

John W. Boyle.
Edward Brown.
Roderick Campbell.

Zuhrah Temple.

Roland H. Hartley.
Joseph B. Hudson.
R. D. Russell.

In the matter of the representation of Tebala Temple of Rockford, Ill., and Korein Temple of Rawlins, Wyo., these Temples, acting under dispensation, according to Section 7, of Article XIII. of the Constitution, are not entitled to representation.

In the matter of Ballut Abyad Temple of Albuquerque, N.M., the regularly elected Representative not appearing and no evidence having been produced before your Committee that his place had been legally filled, said Temple is accordingly without representation at this meeting.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Signed by the Committee,

JAMES GILBERT,
FRANK H. DWINELL,
JOE SWOPE,
CHAS. A. HILLER,
FRANK T. GILBERT.

On motion the report of the Committee was unanimously adopted.

The Imperial Potentate announced that the special order of business being the election of officers for the ensuing year, he would appoint as tellers of the election Nobles

CHARLES H. PORTER,
JAMES MCGEE,

GEORGE W. STARR,
ERASTUS C. KNIGHT,

A. L. ANTHONY.

On motion of Noble Millar nominating speeches were dispensed with.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election was held by separate ballot for each office and resulted as follows:—

Imperial Potentate . . .	CHARLES L. FIELD.
Deputy Imperial Potentate . .	JOHN T. BRUSH.
Chief Rabban . . .	HARRISON DINGMAN.
Assistant Rabban . . .	E. R. HARRIS.
High Priest and Prophet . . .	A. B. MCGAFFEY.
Oriental Guide . . .	ETHELBERT ALLEN.
Treasurer . . .	WILLIAM S. BROWN.
Recorder . . .	B. W. ROWELL.
First Ceremonial Master . .	W. H. S. WRIGHT.
Second Ceremonial Master . .	THOMAS J. BISHOP.
Marshal . . .	ROBERT M. JOHNSON.
Captain of the Guard . . .	JOHN H. ATWOOD.
Outer Guard . . .	HORACE K. BLANCHARD.

Noble Ryan, Chairman of the Committee on Necrology, presented the following report and moved its adoption:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Nobles of the Imperial Council, Nobles Mystic Shrine.

Your Committee on Necrology respectfully report:—

That inasmuch as the Imperial Potentate, in his report to the Imperial Council, has paid due respect to the deceased members of the Imperial Council, viz.: Illustrious Noble Dwight Byington of Leavenworth, Kansas, John S. Rogers of Providence, R.I., and Cyrus W. Eaton of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, we deem it unnecessary to add anything to the feeling tribute so worthily paid to their memory, and recommend, That a memorial page be set apart to each in the published proceedings of this body.

Your Committee further recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this Imperial Council tender its condolence to the members of the several subordinate Temples who have been called to mourn for the decease of any of their members during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. RYAN,
PARK DAVIS,
JOHN H. WILES,
RICHARD LAMBERT,
SETH F. HASKINS,

Committee.

On motion the report was adopted unanimously.

Noble W. M. Bailey moved that the vote adopting the Report of the Committee on Finance be reconsidered.

The motion was seconded and carried by a majority vote.

Noble Bailey then moved to amend the report of the Finance Committee, wherein it recommended five cents per mile, by substituting six cents.

Noble Hugo moved as an amendment that the amount be four cents per mile instead of six cents.

This amendment was duly seconded, the question put and the amendment lost.

The motion of Noble Bailey to amend by making the amount six cents per mile one way, was put and lost.

Noble Hugo then moved that the report of the Committee as submitted be accepted and confirmed by the Council.

This motion was duly seconded and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Noble Walker moved that a committee of five be appointed to consider the time and place for the next annual meeting of this Imperial Council.

The motion was seconded and duly carried.

The Imperial Potentate appointed as such committee, Nobles

GEORGE H. WALKER,

GEORGE F. LODER,

R. D. RUSSELL,

FLORIN L. JONES,

GEORGE W. STARR.

Noble Rowell moved that the Imperial Council adjourn until September 3, at 10 A.M.

Noble Goodale moved as an amendment that the Imperial Council adjourn until 9 o'clock September 3.

This motion was duly seconded and carried by vote of the Council.

The Imperial Potentate then declared the Council adjourned until September 3 at 9 A.M.

September 3d.

MORNING SESSION.

Council called to order at 9 o'clock.

Noble Bromwell presented the following report from the Special Committee on Incorporation:—

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INCORPORATION.

*To the Imperial Potentate and Members of the Imperial Council,
N.M.S.:—*

NOBLES: The undersigned, a special committee appointed by the Imperial Potentate in accordance with a resolution passed by the Imperial Council at its session in 1894, a copy of which is as follows,

“*Resolved*, That the entire subject of incorporation, as made by Imperial Potentate Hudson, be referred to a special committee of three, to be appointed by the Imperial Potentate at the time he appoints the regular standing committees, and that the committee so appointed take the matter under consideration and report to the Imperial Council at its next annual session, and that in the meantime this Imperial Council does not accept the Act of Incorporation reported by the committee as the charter of the Imperial Council,”

begs leave to report that it has carefully considered the matters referred to it, and submits the following for your consideration:—

I. *The Action of the Imperial Council on the Subject.*

So far as your Committee could ascertain, no reference to the subject of incorporating the Imperial Council can be found prior to the printed Proceedings for the year 1891, in which, on page 25, the then Imperial Potentate Sam. Briggs in his annual address says:—

“INCORPORATION.”

“There are various reasons which would seem to urge the incorporation of the Imperial Council, chiefest among which are, *first*, that we may hold our present style and title exclusively; and *second*, that should it become necessary for this body to own property, it would be more convenient to hold the same as a corporation having a legal status.

“I am not aware that any steps have been taken for this purpose in the earlier days of the Order, but will strongly recommend some preliminary action at this time.”

In the same report on page 36 the portion of the address of the Imperial Potentate quoted above was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

That Committee, as shown on page 40 of the same Proceedings, reported as follows:—

“In the matter of the Incorporation of the Imperial Council presented by the Imperial Potentate, we recommend that the matter be made a special subject of consideration at the next session, and that the standing Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws be authorized to present at that session articles of incorporation of the Imperial Council under a board of five Trustees authorized to act as such and hold property in the name of the Imperial Council.”

A careful examination of the printed Proceedings fails to disclose that any action was taken by the Imperial Council at that session, either adopting the report or rejecting it, but it may be assumed that it was adopted and that the Recorder through oversight failed to note the fact in the record of the proceedings.

Neither the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws for the session of 1892 nor for 1893 made any report submitting articles of incorporation in accordance with the above recommendation, nor is there any reference in the Proceedings of 1892 to the subject of incorporation.

The next reference to the subject is found on page 47, of the printed Proceedings of 1893, in the address of the Imperial Potentate, W. B. Melish, and is in the following language:

“I would recommend the continued investment of this and other surplus funds and that the care of the invested funds be placed in the hands of a permanent Board of Trustees, to be elected by the Imperial Council. To this end, it might be well to incorporate the Imperial Council, so as to make its legal status secure. If this is to be done, the Imperial Council should appoint the necessary number of members to make the incorporation and name the State in which it shall be done.”

The address of the Imperial Potentate was referred to the Committee on Transactions of Imperial Officers, but that Committee failed to recommend any reference of that portion of the address referred to above and no action was taken thereon by the Imperial Council.

In the printed Proceedings for 1894 we find the Imperial Potentate, Thomas J. Hudson, again referring to the subject as follows (see page 52, Proc. 1894):—

“Doubtless many, if not all of you, are aware of the fact, that there exists in the States of Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Texas, and possibly other western States, organizations composed of our colored fellow citizens, who have pirated our title almost verbatim, and for this and various other reasons, after a conference with a number of the officers of the Council, it was deemed advisable to have our Body incorporated, not only that we might hold our present style and title exclusively but that should it become necessary to own property we would be able to hold the same as a body with a legal status. This has been recommended by my predecessors, and has been frequently discussed at previous sessions of the Council,

but no action taken. I therefore assumed the responsibility and authorized Noble John W. Boyle of Utica, N. Y., to prepare articles of incorporation and have the same enacted by special act of the Legislature of New York. This has been accomplished by Noble Boyle, and now our charter and incorporation is Chapter 193, Laws of New York, approved by Governor Flower, March 30, 1894. This satisfactory result was attained at a comparatively small cost. Noble Boyle has been requested to submit to you the act of incorporation, and to prepare the necessary By-Laws, which I hope will be adopted by you, and that my action in this matter will merit your approbation and approval."

Although the address of the Imperial Potentate was referred to the Committee on Transactions of Imperial Officers for the purpose of recommending references of the various matters to appropriate committees, the portion thereof relating to incorporation was not referred to any committee.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, however, of its own volition made a report of which the following is a copy. (See Proceedings, 1894, page 96.)

INCORPORATION OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

In the opinion of your Committee, the action taken by Imperial Potentate Thomas J. Hudson, in procuring the incorporation of the Imperial Council, was a proper and wise thing to do, and your Committee reports that his action in this regard should be approved and confirmed.

The Act of Incorporation reads as follows:—

*An Act to incorporate the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order
Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America.*

The people of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:—

SECTION 1. That Thomas J. Hudson, Imperial Potentate, Frank M. Luce, Imperial Recorder, and Joseph S. Wright, Imperial Treasurer, Charles W. Cushman, Thomas J. Bishop, John W. Boyle and Joseph A. Eakins, Imperial Representatives, and their successors in office of the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, while holding said office and until their successors are elected and qualified, shall be, and the same are hereby forever declared to be a body politic and corporate by the name, style and description of "The Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America."

SECT. 2. Said corporation by the name and style aforesaid shall have full power to sue and be sued, plead and implead, prosecute and defend in all actions in law or in equity, in all places where legal and

equitable proceedings are had. The said corporation shall have power to make such constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations for its own government and the management of its concerns, and the government of its subordinate Temples, as shall be deemed advisable, and to alter and amend the same at pleasure; provided that such constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations shall not conflict with the constitution and laws of this State and of the United States.

SECT. 3. That said corporation shall have the right to the exclusive use of the name of "The Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America"; and by said name and style shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding and conveying real and personal estate for the benefit of said corporation; to create a charity and educational fund; *provided*, that said corporation shall not at any one time hold property, real, personal and mixed, a representative fund, a library fund, and an Imperial Council fund, to an amount exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

SECT. 4. That the several persons named in Section 1 of this act shall be the trustees of said corporation for the first year and until their successors are duly elected and qualified; and the first three officers of the Imperial Council, chosen at any election subsequent to the passage of this act, shall by virtue of their election and installation as such officers become trustees of the corporation, and shall continue as such trustees during their term of Imperial Council officers.

SECT. 5. In the management of its business concerns said corporation is hereby authorized to appoint such agents, officers, representatives and attorneys for that purpose as from time to time may be deemed proper.

SECT. 6. This act shall be deemed a public act, and shall be liberally construed by all courts for the benefit of the corporation for which it is created.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

In addition to the incorporation your Committee finds and reports that it was necessary to have prepared by-laws for the government and regulation of the Board of Trustees of the Imperial Council.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. BOYLE, *Chairman.*
CHAS. W. CUSHMAN,
JOS. W. SMITH,
THAD. B. BEECHER,
Committee.

I agree to all of this report excepting the articles of incorporation and by-laws of Board of Trustees, Imperial Council.

HARRISON DINGMAN.

Noble Allen Andrews offered the following resolution which was duly seconded and adopted, viz.: (See Proceedings 1894, page 98.)

"*Resolved*, That the entire subject of incorporation, as made by Imperial Potentate Hudson, be referred to a special committee of three, to be appointed by the Imperial Potentate at the time he appoints the regular standing committees, and that the Committee so appointed take the matter under consideration and report to the Imperial Council at its next annual session, and that in the meantime this Imperial Council does not accept the Act of Incorporation reported by the Committee as the Charter of the Imperial Council."

The foregoing is, your Committee believes, a complete resumé of the portions of the record, as shown in the printed proceedings concerning the subject of incorporating the Imperial Council, and it will be observed that at no time has any authority been vested by the Imperial Council in either the Imperial Potentate or any other person to cause this body to become incorporated.

The nearest approach to any definite action was that taken in 1891, referred to hereinbefore, instructing the standing Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws to prepare (not procure) articles of incorporation, and submit the same to the Council at its session in 1892.

But as before stated, that Committee did not perform this duty and no action has been taken by the Imperial Council since that time by which such a proceeding has been authorized.

The question will then arise as to whether the Imperial Potentate, on his own responsibility, had authority under the Constitution and Laws of the Order to direct and procure the incorporation of the Imperial Council during the interim between sessions of this Imperial Body.

If he is vested with such authority, it can only be by virtue of Section 7 of Article V. of the Constitution, which provides as follows: "He" (the Imperial Potentate) "may do all such other acts and perform all such other duties, not inconsistent with this Constitution, as, in his judgment, the interests of the Order may require."

It can hardly be claimed that this *omnibus* provision of Article V. could refer to the exercise of a power so radical and far-reaching in its effects as that of changing the entire legal status of this grand Body; but even granting that such a power might be implied from the broad language of the section of the Constitution just quoted, we shall show that while he might do such acts for the good of the Order as are not inconsistent with the Constitution, as a matter-of-fact, the articles of incorporation referred to directly conflict with the fundamental law of the Order. To illustrate: WHEREAS, By the Constitution of the Order the annual session of the Imperial Council is the supreme legislative body of the Order, by the proposed charter all legislative powers are to be vested in seven or perhaps nine or three Trustees, a majority of whom, it would appear, must be residents of the State of New York; for the

corporation is to consist of "Thomas J. Hudson, Imperial Potentate; Frank M. Luce, Imperial Recorder, and Joseph S. Wright, Imperial Treasurer; Charles W. Cushman, Thomas J. Bishop, John W. Boyle and Joseph A. Eakins, Imperial Representatives, and their successors in office of the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, while holding said office and until their successors are elected and qualified." The last four named Nobles were representatives respectively of Ismailia Temple of Buffalo, N.Y.; Cyprus Temple of Albany, N.Y.; Ziyara Temple of Utica, N.Y., and Mecca Temple of New York City. Thus it will be seen that by accepting this charter this Imperial Council abdicates all of its rights in favor of a Board of Trustees consisting of the three officers above named and the representatives of the four New York Temples above named and their successors, if that be the proper construction, or in favor of nine officers and Nobles, or of the Imperial Potentate, Deputy Imperial Potentate and Imperial Chief Rabban, if that be the intention of the charter; for by Section 2 of said charter it is provided that said corporation, *i.e.*, the persons above named and their successors, shall have power, among other things, "To make such constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations for its own government and the management of its concerns, and the government of its subordinate Temples, as shall be deemed advisable, and to alter and amend the same at pleasure."

This provision of the charter, which practically wipes out all legislative powers of the Imperial Council itself and gives them to the Trustees named and their successors, is directly in conflict with our Constitution; and therefore, in procuring its passage and accepting it, the Imperial Potentate, while no doubt acting in good faith and as he supposed for the best interests of the Order, as a matter of fact acted without any authority from this Imperial Council.

We are therefore of the opinion that, as the action of the Imperial Potentate and of the other officers and Nobles named in the charter was *ultra vires*, unauthorized and never ratified by this Body, you are in no wise bound by its provisions and may reject and refuse to accept the same if you so desire.

II. *The Arguments in Favor of Incorporation.*

If we examine the record for the reasons that have been advanced, we find that they are as follows:—

(Imperial Potentate Briggs in 1891.) 1. That we may hold our present style and title exclusively.

2. That should it become necessary for this Body to own property it would be more convenient to hold the same as a corporation having a legal status.

(Imperial Potentate W. B. Melish in 1893.) 3. For a better protection in the investment of the funds of the Order.

(Imperial Potentate Hudson in 1894.) 4. The same grounds as urged by Imperial Potentate Briggs.

Thus there seem to be two or perhaps three grounds on which the argument in favor of incorporation is based; and it is proper to examine these for the purpose of ascertaining whether they are tenable.

1. As to obtaining by this charter an exclusive right to the title contained therein, so as to prevent other organizations from being formed, either corporate or unincorporated, having the same style and title. We are of the opinion, after obtaining the advice of various persons learned in the laws of different States, that no such exclusive right is conferred by a charter given in one State as will prevent charters being granted to other persons in other States under the same corporate name as the former; and that if an unincorporated association or body of men in one State chooses to adopt the style and title of a corporation created under the laws of another State, the courts of the former State would not interfere to prevent its doing so.

2. As to the argument that it would be more convenient to have this Body incorporated for the purpose of holding title to property, your Committee is of the opinion that it is not one of the objects of this organization to purchase and hold real estate and that it is not very probable that it will in the near future, or perhaps ever, have occasion to construct or purchase buildings for its use.

Even should it become advisable for the Order to own real estate for its uses, it is uncertain whether such real estate would be desired in the State of New York, and if located elsewhere we should be placed at the disadvantage of having the property in one State and the corporation controlling it with its domicile in another, thus necessitating extra expense and trouble in its management and subjecting it to all the restrictions and impositions which the various States place, by way of taxation and otherwise, upon property held by non-residents. It seems, therefore, to your Committee, that inasmuch as we are not now the owners of real estate, are not likely soon to be and if we did have any, might not want it in the State of New York, there is no urgent necessity for incorporation on the ground that it will make it more convenient to hold title to real estate.

As to our holdings of personal property, we can not only hold it as safely and conveniently as an unincorporated body, but even more so than if incorporated. Our Constitution provides for the safe keeping and disbursement of our funds; it requires bonds from the various officers; it provides for the manner of withdrawing funds from the custody of the Treasurer for the payment of legitimate expenses; it makes the Imperial Potentate responsible for the proper disposition of these funds by requiring his signature to all orders drawn on the Treasurer; it exer-

cises its own judgment while in session as to the amount and object of its expenditures. But it is proposed by the charter offered to us to abdicate all these sovereign powers in favor of a Board of Trustees either consisting of nine, seven or three, it is difficult to say which. A serious conflict may arise at any time between the Imperial Council and this Board of Trustees upon this question of the control of funds. At what stage does the Board propose to assume this control? Is it a trust fund as soon as paid to the Treasurer, over which immediately the Board may exercise control in exclusion of the rights of the Imperial Council? Is it a fund which has to be created out of its surplus by special action of the Council? The charter is silent upon these points. And finally, cannot the Imperial Council protect itself amply by selecting its own trustees and, if necessary, bonding them for the faithful performance of their duties without hampering itself by the burdens of a charter?

3. But it has been suggested that incorporation might be desirable to protect individual members against indebtedness of the Imperial Council or its officers and that this would be limited or entirely avoided by its becoming incorporated. In reply to this we may point to the fact that for many years national organizations similar to our own and unincorporated have been in existence, and yet there is no record, so far as your Committee has been able to examine into the matter, of an individual member being held primarily responsible alone for liabilities of the association. While it is no doubt true that his liability is similar to, if not the same as, a partner's in most of the States, it must be remembered that this association acts through its agents, its principal officers, with strictly defined powers and duties, and that any person having dealings with these agents is bound to ascertain the extent of those powers and duties and whether they are acting under or without authority and, if he fails to do so, can hold those only with whom he deals instead of their principals.

On the other hand if an officer, while acting apparently within his authority, actually exceeds it he is liable on his bond to this Council and its members.

Your Committee, without going further into this branch of the subject, fails to find that any of the objects sought to be attained by the incorporation of this Imperial Body will be secured thereby.

III. Other Objections to the Incorporation.

In addition to the objections heretofore urged to your acceptance of the charter which has been procured in your name, your Committee suggests that its acceptance will result in many serious inconveniences, among which might be the liability to double taxation of its funds in case the Treasurer is a non-resident of New York; the interference and conflict of statutory provisions of the various States upon other subjects,

the control which would be assumed by Courts of the various States and especially of the State of New York in the internal polity and management of the affairs of the Order and the liability to summary process by attachment in suits brought against the Order in States other than New York.

The charter itself is incongruous and uncertain in certain of its provisions which make it difficult to ascertain its meaning. Thus, while Section 1 of the charter provides for the Board of Trustees of seven named therein and their successors in office, the 4th Section makes the Board consist of either the same seven with the addition of the Deputy Imperial Potentate and Imperial Chief Rabban, or else of the last three named officers alone. It is doubtful therefore whether the proposed Board shall consist of nine, seven or three members and this uncertainty may result in serious clouds upon the future actions of the Board and result in litigation to the prejudice of the Order.

In view therefore of the many inconveniences which would arise from the acceptance of this charter and of the few advantages which might accrue therefrom, your Committee submits for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Imperial Council declines to recognize or accept the charter heretofore granted by the Legislature of the State of New York to Thomas J. Hudson, Imperial Potentate, Frank M. Luce, Imperial Recorder, and Jos. S. Wright, Imperial Treasurer; Chas. W. Cushman, Thomas J. Bishop, John W. Boyle and Joseph A. Eakins, Imperial Representatives, and their successors in office.

Resolved, further, That in the opinion of this Imperial Council its incorporation is not necessary or desirable.

J. H. BROMWELL,
GEO. D. BABBITT,
A. N. SLOANE,

Committee.

On motion the report of the Committee and its recommendations were unanimously adopted.

JURISDICTION OF AHMED TEMPLE.

Noble Adams presented the following resolution :—

Resolved, That whereas there are three Temples in the State of Michigan, and whereas these Temples have concurrent jurisdiction which has worked and will work to the detriment of Ahmed Temple of Marquette, Mich., by reason of the fact that many residents of what is known as the Upper Peninsula go to the southern part of the State on business or to take degrees in Masonry which are not conferred near their homes

and are then solicited to take the Shrine away from their homes instead of aiding in the support of the Temple nearest their residence, therefore be it resolved that the Upper Peninsula of Michigan is hereby declared to be within the sole jurisdiction of Ahmed Temple of Marquette, it being also declared that Ahmed Temple shall have no jurisdiction in the southern part of the State.

Noble Andrews moved its reference to a special Committee of Investigation to be appointed by the Imperial Potentate, said Committee to report at the next annual session.

The motion of Noble Andrews was adopted.

THANKS TO ALEPPO TEMPLE.

Noble Loder presented the following resolution, which was agreed to unanimously by a rising vote:—

WHEREAS, The hospitable and gracious manner in which we have been received and entertained by Aleppo Temple of Boston, merits recognition by the Imperial Council; therefore be it

Resolved, That we hereby extend to Aleppo Temple our heartfelt and earnest thanks for their kindness and hospitality, and for the beautiful example they have given us of the genuine fraternity of our Order.

Noble Schwatka presented the following additional report from the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, referring to a Temple in Arizona.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

Imperial Potentate and Members Imperial Council, A.A.O.N.M.S.:

In the matter of the request from Phoenix, Ariz., for a dispensation for a Temple at that point, your Committee would report that they have given the application their careful attention. We have taken into consideration the number of Masons in Arizona who are eligible for the Order, the number of Commanderies in said jurisdiction and, after thoroughly going over the subject, we deem it inadvisable to recommend the granting of a dispensation at this time.

Respectfully,

J. B. SCHWATKA, *Chairman*.
JOS. WRIGHT,
CHARLES L. FIELD,
A. B. MCGAFFEY,
JOS. W. SMITH,

Committee.

On motion the report of the Committee was adopted and their recommendation concurred in, and the Imperial Recorder ordered to return the fee to the petitioners.

Noble Mayo presented the following report :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON IMPROPER NOTICES.

To the Imperial Council, N.M.S. :

Your Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Imperial Potentate's address as relates to improper publications, respectfully report the following :—

WHEREAS, The practice of issuing improper notices, such as is referred to by the Imperial Potentate in his annual address of 1895, has in some few instances grown to such an extent as to be offensive to common decency and a reflection upon the dignity and good name of our Order ;

THEREFORE, for the purpose of preventing all such unseemly publications in the future, be it

Resolved, That all publications which may reflect upon religion, or are a breach of good morals, or may tend to bring our Order into disrepute, are hereby prohibited, and that the Imperial Potentate shall have power to suspend any Potentate or other officers of subordinate Temples who shall issue or permit to be issued, any such offensive and objectionable notices or publications, from office, and summons him or them to appear before the next annual session of the Imperial Council. Be it further

Resolved, That the Imperial Potentate shall have the right to determine whether or not a notice or publication comes within the purview of this standing resolution. Be it further

Resolved, That the Recorder of this Imperial Council shall forward a certified copy of the above preamble and resolutions to each subordinate Temple, and it is hereby made the duty of each Potentate to immediately call the attention of all his officers thereto, and also cause the same to be read at the next annual session of his Temple.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN WESTLEY GEIGER,
REUBEN H. LLOYD,
R. R. SWOPE,
WM. H. MAYO,
LOU B. WINSOR,

Committee.

On motion the report of the Committee was adopted by an unanimous vote.

RESIGNATION.

Noble Cushman presented the resignation of the official stenographer.

*To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council,
A.A.O.N. Mystic Shrine, in Annual Session at Nantasket Beach,
Mass., Sept. 2 and 3, 1895.*

The undersigned, official stenographer of this Imperial Council, desires first to express his sincere appreciation for the many kindnesses shown him during the period he has acted as such stenographer.

Second, to tender his resignation as such official stenographer, the same to take effect at the close of the present session.

FRANK T. HAGGERTY,
Official Stenographer.

On motion the resignation was accepted.

Noble Bromwell presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:—

WHEREAS, There is no necessity for the employment of an official stenographer, inasmuch as our Imperial Recorder is fully competent to transact all the business connected with his office without outside assistance, during the sessions of the Imperial Council, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the standing resolution authorizing the employment of an official stenographer be and it is hereby rescinded.

RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF RAMESES TEMPLE.

Noble Dwinell presented the following resolution:—

WHEREAS, It is frequently the case that candidates in portions of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, Newfoundland and Manitoba desire to apply to Temples in the United States to receive the Ancient Arabic Order and are told that they are in the jurisdiction of Rameses Temple of Toronto; and

WHEREAS, The provinces, countries, sections, etc., referred to above are greater in extent than almost all of the United States and it is a manifest injustice to compel candidates to travel many hundreds of miles, when there is a Temple in the United States near their homes; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Imperial Council hereby declares that the province of Ontario, in which Toronto is located, to be within the sole jurisdiction of Rameses Temple.

Resolved, That in Manitoba, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward's Island and all of Canada except Ontario, the Temples of the United States shall have concurrent jurisdiction with Rameses Temple

until such time as other Temples are established by this Imperial Council in the territory named.

On motion duly seconded the resolution was adopted.

Noble Briggs presented the following resolution : —

Resolved, That the forms of notices for meetings of subordinate Temples issued by the Directory in the year 1888 be adopted as the proper form of notice for the purposes set forth above, and no variation from said official form shall be tolerated.

The resolution was seconded, but upon being put to vote was lost.

JEWELS OF OFFICERS.

Noble Davis offered the following resolution which was adopted : —

Resolved, That the official jewels of the Imperial Council be placed in the hands of the Imperial Recorder at the close of this session, and that he, the Imperial Recorder, shall see that the jewels are changed to the usual form of jewels on hangers, cleaned and placed in good condition, and that the jewels shall then remain in the custody of the Imperial Recorder until the next annual session of the Imperial Council.

Noble Walker presented following report on time and place : —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council : —

Your Committee appointed to consider the question of the time and place for holding the next meeting of this Imperial Council beg leave to report that invitations have been received from representatives of two cities — San Francisco, Cal., and Cleveland, O. The Nobles of the first named city would doubtless extend to us a royal welcome, and the visit to the Golden Gate would be one long to be remembered, but the members of the Committee believe that two facts should be borne in mind in considering the advisability of going to so distant a point. In the first place, the condition of the Imperial Treasury is such that the expense of a trip across the Continent could not be met, nor is there any likelihood that in the year to come there will be any great surplus available. Temples would doubtless in many instances go unrepresented. Again, the time consumed in making the journey to California and return, since a majority of our membership reside east of the Mississippi, should be taken into account. Many members would be unable to spare the time from their business.

It has been suggested that the Imperial Council should go to some place like Saratoga, Atlantic City or Mackinaw, where it would not become in any sense a burden upon local Temples.

In view of the fact, however, that the Nobles of Cleveland, O., are especially desirous of entertaining the Council next year, we recommend that city as the place, and the third Tuesday in June, 1896, as the time.

GEO. H. WALKER,
GEO. F. LODER,
ROBERT D. RUSSELL,
GEO. W. STARR,
FLORIN L. JONES,

Committee

On motion the report of the Committee was received, the recommendation concurred in and the report unanimously adopted.

Noble Ecker presented following report on mileage and per diem: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg to recommend that the Representatives to the Imperial Council be paid mileage at the rate of five cents per mile for one way travelled, to be computed by the shortest route, and a per diem allowance of ten dollars for two days, as per resolution of Imperial Council.

The official list of Representatives has been handed to the Treasurer.

The total amount of mileage and per diem . . .	\$9,184 59
Extra pay for Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws	50 00
	\$9,234.59

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS P. ECKER,
T. W. HUGO,
HENRY STOWELL,
H. A. COLLINS,
EVAN MORRIS,

Committee.

*Pay-Roll and Report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem of the Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S.,
held at Nantasket Beach, Mass., 1895.*

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REPRESENTATIVE.	TEMPLE.	LOCATION.	Miles Travelled.	Amount of Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total Milege and per Diem.	Amount p'd Imp. Council.	Amount due Repr's'tive.	Amount paid Repr's'tive.
Atwood, John H.....	Abdallah.....	Leavenworth, Kan.....	1492	\$74 60	\$20 00	\$94 60	\$226 00	\$75 33	\$75 33
Freling, P. J.....	".....	".....	1492	74 60	20 00	94 60	.....	75 33	75 33
Goddard, C. C.....	".....	".....	1492	74 60	20 00	94 60	.....	75 33	75 33
Ecker, Louis P.....	Acca.....	Richmond, Va.....	607	30 35	20 00	50 35	224 00	50 35	50 35
Allan, Hamilton.....	Afifi.....	Tacoma, Wash.....	3339	166 95	20 00	186 95	53 00	53 00	53 00
Adams, John Q.....	Ahmed.....	Marquette, Mich.....	1152	57 60	20 00	77 60	122 00	61 00	61 00
McCune, John P.....	Aladdin.....	Columbus, O.....	830	41 50	20 00	61 50	414 00	61 50	61 50
Rowell, Benjamin.....	Aleppo.....	Boston, Mass.....	8	40	20 00	20 40	972 00	20 40	20 40
Fox, James A.....	".....	".....	8	40	20 00	20 40	.....	20 40	20 40
Waterman, Thomas.....	".....	".....	8	40	20 00	20 40	.....	20 40	20 40
Porter, Charles H.....	".....	".....	8	40	20 00	20 40	.....	20 40	20 40
Casey, George H.....	Algeria.....	Helena, Mont.....	2676	133 80	20 00	153 80	68 00	68 00	68 00
Sloan, A. N.....	Alhambra.....	Chattanooga, Tenn.....	1115	55 75	20 00	75 75	64 00	64 00	64 00
Bailey, John W.....	Al Chymia.....	Memphis, Tenn.....	1345	67 25	20 00	87 25	68 00	68 00	68 00
Carl, W. E.....	Al Kader.....	Portland, Ore.....	3400	170 00	20 00	190 00	98 00	98 00	98 00
Higgins, William F.....	Al Koran.....	Cleveland, O.....	692	34 60	20 00	54 60	307 00	54 60	54 60
Morris, Evan.....	".....	".....	692	34 60	20 00	54 60	.....	54 60	54 60
Hazeltine, Robert M.....	".....	".....	692	34 60	20 00	54 60	.....	54 60	54 60
Briggs, Sam.....	".....	".....	692	34 60	20 00	54 60	.....	54 60	54 60
Jones, Florin L.....	Al Malaikah.....	Los Angeles, Cal.....	3272	163 60	20 00	183 60	144 00	72 00	72 00
Jordan, Franklin.....	".....	".....	3272	163 60	20 00	183 60	.....	72 00	72 00
Dingman, Harrison.....	Almas.....	Washington, D.C.....	445	22 20	30 00	52 20	281 00	52 20	52 20
Walker, George H.....	".....	".....	445	22 20	20 00	42 20	.....	42 20	42 20
Thomas, Frank H.....	".....	".....	445	22 20	20 00	42 20	.....	42 20	42 20
Standiford, Harry.....	".....	".....	445	22 20	20 00	42 20	.....	42 20	42 20
Allen, Ethelbert F.....	Ararat.....	Kansas City, Mo.....	1465	73 25	20 00	93 25	218 00	54 50	54 50
Brown, William H.....	".....	".....	1465	73 25	20 00	93 25	.....	54 50	54 50
Wifes, John H.....	".....	".....	1465	73 25	20 00	93 25	.....	54 50	54 50
Shanklin, Arnold.....	".....	".....	1465	73 25	20 00	93 25	.....	54 50	54 50
Walsh, William E.....	Ballut Abyad.....	Albuquerque, N. M.....	2396	119 80	20 00	139 80	28 00	28 00	28 00
Bell, William H.....	Ben Hur.....	Austin, Tex.....	2204	110 20	20 00	130 20	160 00	130 20	130 20

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

Starr, George W.	Boumi	Baltimore, Md.	430	21 50	20 00	41 50	151 00	41 50	41 50
Schwatka, J. B.	"	"	430	21 50	20 00	41 50	"	41 50	41 50
Armatage, Charles H.	Cyrus	Albany, N.Y.	212	10 60	20 00	30 60	176 00	30 60	30 60
Bishop, Thomas J.	"	"	212	10 60	20 00	30 60	"	30 60	30 60
Loder, George F.	Damascus	Rochester, N.Y.	429	21 45	20 00	41 45	142 00	41 45	41 45
Whiting, William H.	"	"	429	21 45	20 00	41 45	"	41 45	41 45
Avery, Courtland	"	"	429	21 45	20 00	41 45	"	41 45	41 45
Vick, Roy A. F.	El Jebel	Denver, Col.	2020	101 00	20 00	121 00	303 00	101 00	101 00
Chaney, S. W.	"	"	2020	101 00	20 00	121 00	"	101 00	101 00
McGaffey, A. B.	"	"	2020	101 00	20 00	121 00	"	101 00	101 00
Newell, Eben P.	El Kalah	Salt Lake City, U.	20603	130 15	20 00	150 15	96 00	96 00	96 00
Geiger, John W.	El Kahir	Cedar Rapids, Ia.	1255	62 75	20 00	82 75	386 00	82 75	82 75
French, Charles H.	"	"	1255	62 75	20 00	82 75	"	82 75	82 75
Dearborn, William N.	"	"	1255	62 75	20 00	82 75	"	82 75	82 75
Childs, Edmond S.	"	"	1255	62 75	20 00	82 75	"	82 75	82 75
Shaw, John H.	El Katif	Spokane, Wash.	3500	175 00	20 00	195 00	100 00	100 00	100 00
Davis, Park	El Riad	Sioux Falls, S.D.	1680	84 00	20 00	104 00	182 00	60 67	60 67
Doolittle, W. T.	"	"	1680	84 00	20 00	104 00	"	60 67	60 67
Brown, Frank A.	"	"	1680	84 00	20 00	104 00	"	60 66	60 66
Baker, Thomas, Jr.	El Zagal	Fargo, N.D.	1716	85 80	20 00	105 80	290 00	105 80	105 80
Fancher, F. B.	"	"	1716	85 80	20 00	105 80	"	105 80	105 80
Rubush, C. M.	Hamasa	Meridian, Miss.	1500	75 00	20 00	95 00	116 00	95 00	95 00
Knepfley, L. M.	Hella	Dallas, Tex.	1976	98 80	20 00	118 80	142 00	71 00	71 00
Swope, Joseph	"	"	1976	98 80	20 00	118 80	"	71 00	71 00
Harrah, Frank	India	Oklahoma, O.T.	1865	93 25	20 00	113 25	107 00	107 00	107 00
Hiller, Charles A.	Isis	Salina, Kan.	1680	84 00	20 00	104 00	312 00	104 00	104 00
Merrill, John F.	"	"	1680	84 00	20 00	104 00	"	104 00	104 00
Reeder, James H.	"	"	1680	84 00	20 00	104 00	"	104 00	104 00
Field, Charles L.	Islam	San Francisco, Cal.	3364	168 20	20 00	188 20	166 00	83 00	83 00
Lloyd, R. H.	"	"	3364	168 20	20 00	188 20	"	83 00	83 00
Cushman, Charles W.	Ismalla	Buffalo, N.Y.	512	25 60	20 00	45 60	440 00	45 60	45 60
Gilbert, Frank T.	"	"	512	25 60	20 00	45 60	"	45 60	45 60
Brown, George L.	"	"	512	25 60	20 00	45 60	"	45 60	45 60
Knight, Erastus C.	"	"	512	25 60	20 00	45 60	"	45 60	45 60
Lambert, Richard	Jerusalem	New Orleans, La.	1550	77 50	20 00	97 50	94 00	94 00	94 00
White, George F.	Kaaba	Davenport, Ia.	1190	59 50	20 00	79 50	333 00	79 50	79 50
Osborn, George L.	"	"	1190	59 50	20 00	79 50	"	79 50	79 50
Titus, George M.	"	"	1190	59 50	20 00	79 50	"	79 50	79 50
Darling, Cyrus T.	"	"	1190	59 50	20 00	79 50	"	79 50	79 50
Stump, Clarence E.	Kismet	Brooklyn, N.Y.	235	11 75	20 00	31 75	300 00	31 75	31 75
Mason, Frank C.	"	"	235	11 75	20 00	31 75	"	31 75	31 75
Babbitt, George D.	Kora	Lewiston, Me.	150	7 50	20 00	27 50	258 00	27 50	27 50
Ryan, William	Kosair	Louisville, Ky.	1055	52 75	20 00	72 75	144 00	72 75	72 75
Wright, Joseph S.	Lu Lu	Philadelphia, Pa.	-339	16 95	20 00	36 95	634 00	36 95	36 95
Jordan, Edward B.	"	"	339	16 95	20 00	36 95	"	36 95	36 95
Leibrandt, Frederick	"	"	339	16 95	20 00	36 95	"	36 95	36 95

*Pay-Roll and Report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem of the Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S.,
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REPRESENTATIVE.	TEMPLE.	LOCATION.	Miles Travelled.	Amount of Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total Milege and per Diem.	Amount P'd Imp. Council.	Amount due Repr's'tive.	Amount paid Repr's'tive.
Givin, Samuel I.	Lu Lu	Philadelphia, Pa.	339	\$16 95	\$20 00	\$36 95		\$36 95	\$36 95
Ellison, Saram R.	Mecca	New York, N.Y.	217	10 85	20 00	30 85	\$433 00	30 85	30 85
Millar, George W.	"	"	217	10 85	20 00	30 85		30 85	30 85
McGee, James.	"	"	217	10 85	20 00	30 85		30 85	30 85
Peters, A. W.	"	"	217	10 85	20 00	30 85		30 85	30 85
Roundy, F. C.	Medinah.	Chicago, Ill.	1053	52 65	20 00	72 65	1196 00	72 65	72 65
Johnson, Robert M.	"	"	1053	52 65	20 00	72 65		72 65	72 65
Currier, Thomas H.	"	"	1053	52 65	20 00	72 65		72 65	72 65
Johnston, William	"	"	1053	52 65	20 00	72 65		72 65	72 65
Streeter, Fred W.	Media	Watertown, N.Y.	382	19 10	20 00	39 10	198 00	39 10	39 10
Eggleston, Danford G.	"	"	382	19 10	20 00	39 10		39 10	39 10
Haskins, Seth F.	Mohammed	Peoria, Ill.	1320	66 00	20 00	86 00	226 00	86 00	86 00
Steiner, M. W.	Moila.	St. Joseph, Mo.	1504	75 20	20 00	95 20	191 00	95 20	95 20
Nelson, Benjamin F.	Moolah.	St. Louis, Mo.	1336	66 80	20 00	86 80	302 00	86 80	86 80
Niemann, Gustave W.	"	"	1336	66 80	20 00	86 80		86 80	86 80
Mayo, William H.	"	"	1336	66 80	20 00	86 80		86 80	86 80
Havens, O. P.	Morocco.	Jacksonville, Fla.	1310	65 50	20 00	85 50	40 00	40 00	40 00
Bailey, William M.	Moslem.	Detroit, Mich.	760	38 00	20 00	58 00	990 00	58 00	58 00
Burt, Lou	"	"	760	38 00	20 00	58 00		58 00	58 00
Harris, Ed. R.	"	"	760	38 00	20 00	58 00		58 00	58 00
Beck, Charles F.	"	"	760	38 00	20 00	58 00		58 00	58 00
Dwinell, Frank A.	Mount Sinai	Montpelier, Vt.	210	10 50	20 00	30 50	198 00	30 50	30 50
Taft, Elihu B.	"	"	210	10 50	20 00	30 50		30 50	30 50
Brush, John T.	Murat	Indianapolis, Ind.	963	48 15	20 00	68 15	177 00	59 00	59 00
Smith, Joseph W.	"	"	963	48 15	20 00	68 15		59 00	59 00
Brown, Chalmers.	"	"	963	48 15	20 00	68 15		59 00	59 00
McMakin, William J.	Naja	Deadwood, S.D.	2124	106 20	20 00	126 20	52 00	52 00	52 00
Stowell, Henry	Oriental	Troy, N.Y.	228	11 40	20 00	31 40	158 00	31 40	31 40
Stiles, Franklin O.	"	"	228	11 40	20 00	31 40		31 40	31 40
Dexter, Oliver, Jr.	"	"	228	11 40	20 00	31 40		31 40	31 40
Wolff, Matthew R.	Osiris	Wheeling, W. Va.	745	37 25	20 00	57 25	170 00	56 67	56 67

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

Baldwin, E. E.	"	"	745	37 25	20 00	57 25	56 67	56 67
Swope, R. R.	"	"	745	37 25	20 00	57 25	56 66	56 66
Wright, William H.S.	Osman	St. Paul, Minn.	1437	71 85	20 00	91 85	286 00	91 85
Hugo, T. W.	"	"	1437	71 85	20 00	91 85	91 85	91 85
Stone, Clarence E.	"	"	1437	71 85	20 00	91 85	91 85	91 85
Burnham, George H.	Palestine	Providence, R.I.	44	2 20	30 00	32 20	366 00	32 20
Blanchard, Horace K.	"	"	44	2 20	20 00	32 20	32 20	32 20
Anthony, Albert L.	"	"	44	2 20	20 00	32 20	22 20	22 20
Stirling, Hugh	Pyramid	Bridgeport, Conn	157	7 85	20 00	27 85	239 00	27 85
Beecher, Thaddeus B.	"	"	157	7 85	20 00	27 85	27 85	27 85
Hoadley, Carleton E.	"	"	157	7 85	20 00	27 85	27 85	27 85
Bissinger, Philip	Rajah	Reading, Pa.	339	16 95	20 00	36 95	190 00	36 95
Collins, Henry A.	Rameses	Toronto, Can.	582	29 10	20 00	49 10	162 00	49 10
Marsh, John T.	Sahara	Pine Bluff, Ark.	1615	80 75	20 00	100 75	131 00	100 75
Winsor, Lou E.	Saladin	Grand Rapids, Mich.	903	45 15	30 00	75 15	617 00	75 15
Fink, Charles E.	"	"	903	45 15	20 00	65 15	65 15	65 15
Dean, H. K.	"	"	903	45 15	20 00	65 15	65 15	65 15
Clark, N. B.	"	"	903	45 15	20 00	65 15	65 15	65 15
Mauritius, John H.	Sesostris	Lincoln, Neb.	1300	65 00	30 00	95 00	274 00	95 00
Brown, William S.	Syria	Pittsburgh, Pa.	686	34 30	20 00	54 30	547 00	54 30
Arnold, James S.	"	"	686	34 30	20 00	54 30	54 30	54 30
Kerr, James, Jr.	"	"	686	34 30	20 00	54 30	54 30	54 30
Holmes, Americus V.	"	"	686	34 30	20 00	54 30	54 30	54 30
Hudson, Thomas J.	"	"	686	34 30	20 00	54 30	54 30	54 30
Goodale, Levi C.	Syrian	Cincinnati, O.	945	47 25	30 00	67 25	837 00	67 25
Bromwell, Jacob H.	"	"	945	47 25	20 00	67 25	67 25	67 25
Buchwalter, Morris L.	"	"	945	47 25	20 00	67 25	67 25	67 25
Andrews, Allen	"	"	945	47 25	20 00	77 25	77 25	77 25
Melish, William B.	"	"	945	47 25	20 00	67 25	67 25	67 25
Gilbert, James	Tangier	Omaha, Neb.	1497	74 85	20 00	94 85	326 00	94 85
Anderson, Gustave	"	"	1497	74 85	20 00	94 85	94 85	94 85
Strawn, Winfred S.	"	"	1497	74 85	20 00	94 85	94 85	94 85
Caufy, Luther L.	Tripoli	Milwaukee, Wis.	1120	56 00	20 00	76 00	243 00	76 00
Phillips, William B.	Zamora	Birmingham, Ala.	1285	64 25	20 00	84 25	92 00	84 25
Bassett, Frank J.	Zem Zem	Erte, Pa.	784	39 20	20 00	59 20	266 00	59 20
Boyle, John W.	Ziyara	Utica, N.Y.	300	15 00	20 00	35 00	156 00	35 00
Brown, Edward	"	"	300	15 00	20 00	35 00	35 00	35 00
Hudson, J. B.	Zubrah	Minneapolis, Minn.	1500	75 00	20 00	95 00	242 00	80 67
Hartley, Roland H.	"	"	1500	75 00	20 00	95 00	95 00	80 67
Russell, Robert D.	"	"	1500	75 00	20 00	95 00	80 66	80 66
Haggerty, Frank	"	"	512	25 60	20 00	95 00	25 60	25 60

TESTIMONIAL TO IMPERIAL POTENTATE WM. B. MELISH.

Noble Schwatka offered the following resolution which was adopted by an unanimous vote : —

WHEREAS, Imperial Potentate Wm. B. Melish has served the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine as its Imperial Potentate for two years with unswerving fidelity to the principles of the Order, resulting in a magnificent growth in membership, therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to our beloved Noble this vote of our high appreciation of his devotion to the Order.

Resolved, That the Representatives of Syrian Temple of Cincinnati, the Temple of which Illustrious Noble Melish is a member, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare and present in the name of this Imperial Council to Imperial Potentate Melish a Past Imperial Potentate's jewel and also some other testimonial such as they may select.

Resolved, That to carry out this order Illustrious Noble Jacob H. Bromwell of Cincinnati shall be authorized to draw on the Imperial Treasurer in a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars.

REPRINT OF CONSTITUTION.

Noble Kerr offered the following resolution which was adopted : —

Resolved, That the Imperial Recorder be and he is hereby instructed to reprint the Constitution and Law of the Imperial Council, printing one thousand copies and sending ten copies to each Temple of the Order, the balance to remain in his hands for distribution as needed.

Adopted.

RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF RAMESES TEMPLE.

Noble Strawn moved a reconsideration of the resolution offered by Noble Dwinell relating to the jurisdiction of Rameses Temple of Toronto, Canada, and moved it be referred to the special committee to be appointed to consider the Michigan jurisdictional matter and report at next annual session.

The motion to reconsider was carried and the reference made by majority vote of the Imperial Council.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Noble Hugo offered the following resolution : —

Resolved, That the Committee on Credentials shall be required to meet at least one day in advance of the meeting of the Imperial Council, and that at this meeting they shall be placed in possession of all papers and matters to be referred to said Committee. They shall present their report immediately on the Imperial Council being called to order.

The vote being taken the motion was declared lost.

Noble Bailey moved that the Recorder procure a jewel of the regular pattern for the Imperial Treasurer, which was ordered done.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The newly-elected officers at this point were duly installed by Imperial Potentate Wm. B. Melish, and assumed their several stations, after which the Imperial Council was closed, to meet in its annual session at Cleveland, on the third Tuesday in June, 1896.

RECORDS APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION.

This record of the Twenty-First Annual Session of the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, is approved for publication this third day of September, 1895.

Chas. L. Field
Imperial Potentate.



Wm. B. Melish
Imperial Recorder.



CYRUS WALDCRAVE EATON.

IMPERIAL ASSISTANT RABBAN, N. M. S. OF NORTH AMERICA.

ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE OF EL KAHR TEMPLE N. M. S.

Entered the Unseen Temple,

May 12, 1895.



JOHN S. ROGERS.

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

Entered the Unseen Temple,
Feb. 14, 1895.



DWIGHT BYINGTON.

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

Entered the Unseen Temple,
Oct. 11, 1894.

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ENTERED THE UNSEEN TEMPLE.

NOBLE.	Date.	Temple.
DWIGHT BYINGTON.....	Oct. 11, 1894	ABDALLAH
BENJAMIN F. PHELPS.....	April 21, 1895	"
A. R. ANDREWS.....	Dec. 24, 1894	ACCA
JAMES M. BUCKLEY.....	Nov.*— "	AFIFI
GEORGE G. CHANDLER.....	Nov. 6, "	"
S. E. CLOUGH.....	* — — "	"
J. W. GEORGE.....	Mch.*— 1895	"
ABRAHAM GROSS.....	* — — "	"
JACOB G. KENYON.....	* — — 1894	"
CHARLES E. LAUGHTON.....	Mch.*— 1895	"
EDGAR J. INGRAM.....	Sept. 26, 1893	AHMED
FRED. ALMQUIST.....	Sept. 1, 1894	"
HARRY BOYER.....	April 4, 1895	ALADDIN
FRED. N. DE WITT.....	Feb. 25, 1895	"
HENRY BRIGHT.....	Aug. 29, 1894	ALEPPO
THOMAS A. BARROW.....	Dec. 31, 1891	"
WARREN G. BILLINGS.....	* — — 1894	"
WILLIAM A. CRAWFORD.....	July 15, "	"
HENRY C. CARRICK.....	Jan. 3, "	"
WARREN C. CURTIS.....	Jan. 2, "	"
ORVILLE B. CHADWICK.....	* — — "	"
LAURISTON C. DURKEE.....	Aug. 6, "	"
ALBERT J. DAVIS.....	* — — "	"
EDWIN H. DAVIS.....	Feb. 13, "	"
CHARLES L. GOSSE.....	* — — "	"
HARRY H. HALE.....	May 7, "	"
FRANCIS W. KNOWLES.....	* — — "	"
HENRY M. KOPF.....	Nov. 19, "	"
STEPHEN W. POWER.....	Feb. 17, 1895	"
EDWARD P. PAINE.....	July 30, 1894	"
HENRY M. RICHARDSON.....	* — — "	"
JOHN L. STEVENSON.....	Jan. 3, 1894	"
CHARLES F. STODDARD.....	* — — "	"
CHARLES L. SKELTON.....	July 22, "	"

* Date not reported.

NOBLE.	Date.	Temple.
HORATIO SMITH	Mch. 13, 1894	ALEPPO
HENRY G. THOMAS.....	Feb. 6, 1895	 "
AMBROSE WEBSTER.....	May 19, 1894	 "
JOSEPH WAINWRIGHT	Mch. 13, 1893	 "
JOHN WEILD.....	April 2, 1894	 "
JONES W. WILDER	April 10, "	 "
MARTIN E. YOUNG	Nov. 25, "	 "
LOUIS LAWRENSON	Oct. 7, "	AL CHYMIA
DANIEL J. SCHRIVER	Sept. 2, "	 "
THOMAS L. RICHARDS	Oct. 2, 1893	ALGERIA
JAMES H. MOE	Mch. 2, 1895	 "
HERBERT P. ROLFE	Mch. 28, "	 "
H. R. HOWARD	Mch.*—	ALHAMBRA
STEPHEN FOWLER CHADWICK.....	Jan. 15, "	AL KADER
HENRY W. BIGELOW	Mch. 12, "	AL KORAN
HENRY E. FROST	Aug. 29, 1894	 "
HENRICH GERNER.....	Nov. 26, "	 "
LUCIAN HILLS.....	Nov. 25, "	 "
GEORGE W. MCCARTHY.....	June 27, "	 "
JAMES H. McLAIN.....	Mch. 8, "	 "
CHARLES E. RODENBERG.....	April 5, "	 "
HENRY SHAFFER	Mch. 25, "	 "
FRANK WOOD	April 11, 1895	 "
E. W. FOWLER	April 20, 1894	AL MALAIKAH
T. J. CORRAN.....	July 21, "	 "
T. J. WELDON	Sept. 26, "	 "
THEODORE KEISER	Nov. 19, "	 "
DAVID BURBANK	Jan. 21, 1895	 "
OTTO BRODTBECK	April 24, "	 "
CHARLES GESSFORD.....	Feb. 1, 1894	ALMAS
JOHN R. THOMPSON.....	Feb. 12, "	 "
AUGUST DOUGLAS.....	April 27, "	 "
JOHN L. VOGT	Aug. 8, "	 "
ROBERT E. SILLERS	Aug. 31, "	 "
FRANK H. BARBARIN.....	Oct. 17, "	 "
ALLEN WALL.....	Dec. 17, "	 "
ANTON FISCHER.....	Jan. 30, 1895	 "
R. J. SHEPARD	Feb. 19, "	 "
SEBASTIAN AMAN.....	Feb. 20, "	 "
FRANCIS W. RANDOLPH	Feb. 12, 1894	ARARAT
A. B. CROSS.....	Aug. 18, "	 "
GEORGE W. SILVER.....	Aug. 27, "	 "
DAY K. SMITH	Sept. 14, "	 "
F. R. AFFLECK.....	Dec. 6, "	 "
JNO. R. ROUSE	Feb. 16, 1895	 "

* Date not reported.

Noble.	Date.	Temple.
CHARLES LOWRY	Dec. 28, 1894	BEN HUR
GEORGE SCHWINN	Jan. 30, "	BOUMI
JAMES H. BROWN	Sept. 14, "	"
JNO. H. GRIFFIN	Dec. 27, "	"
JAMES F. DEALE	Feb. 9, 1895	"
PETER M. MURPHY	June 17, 1894	CYPRUS
JOHN C. MURDOCK	Oct. 4, "	"
JAMES H. PIKE	Dec. 20, "	"
JOHN I. HARMON	Feb. 3, "	DAMASCUS
JAMES DONNELLY	Feb. 14, "	"
HERBERT M. DAYFORT	Mch. 19, "	"
SHERBURN J. CLARK	Mch. 19, "	"
WILSON SOULE	July 25, "	"
C. C. VANKIRK	Dec. 6, "	"
WM. C. ROSEBOOM	Jan.*— 1895	"
HARRY CARR	Feb. 4, 1894	EL JEBEL
F. N. DAVIS	April 30, "	"
G. W. HALL	Mch. 24, "	"
J. A. MCBETH	May 28, "	"
W. B. TRUFANT	Dec. 10, "	"
ALBION B. EMERY	July 13, "	EL KALAH
ROBERT L. SCANNELL	Feb. 15, "	"
JOHN G. SPENCE	Oct. 23, 1892	EL KAHIR
HAULSEY H. SAUNDERS	April 17, 1893	"
GEORGE H. HOBART	Nov. 11, "	"
ARLINGTON LONG	Dec. 23, "	"
JOHN SWIFT	Jan. 10, 1894	"
NELS C. NELSON	Feb. 18, "	"
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS	June 19, "	"
WILLIAM M. FREISNER	Aug. 19, "	"
FRANK CHURCH	Oct. 16, "	"
LEOPOLD H. GORDON	Oct. 21, "	"
CHRISTOPHER GORKEN	Oct. 26, "	"
LYMAN PARSONS	Feb. 28, 1895	"
JAMES M. BUCKLEY	Oct.*— 1894	EL KATIF
COLLINS D. PRATT	June*— "	EL RIAD
E. J. CAMERON	Nov. 16, "	EL ZAGAL
ARCHIE CURRIE	Jan. 16, "	"
W. A. McCLOY	Jan. 18, "	"
A. B. SMITH	Mch. 13, "	HELLA
C. H. E. SENTENIS	June 24, "	"
W. J. DONOVAN	Jan. 2, 1895	INDIA
GEORGE P. BUFFINGTON	Dec. 31, 1893	ISIS
CHARLES M. CASE	May 30, 1894	"
H. G. SPURGEN	June 4, "	"

* Date not reported.

NOBLE.	Date.	Temple.
M. J. WELLSLAGER.....	Nov. 10, 1894	ISIS
RICHARD R. PRICE.....	Dec. 10, " "	" "
H. W. MORGAN.....	Jan. 10, 1895	" "
E. W. McJUNKIN.....	April 17, " "	" "
D. E. WALKER.....	Jan.* — 1894	ISLAM
C. R. GRITMAN.....	May* — " "	" "
C. E. BLAKE.....	Aug.* — " "	" "
D. O. BLACKBURN.....	Dec.* — " "	" "
ABRAHAM POWELL.....	April* — 1895	" "
W. W. CARLIN.....	Mch. 23, 1894	ISMAILIA
DANIEL F. BAILEY.....	March 3, " "	" "
HUDSON H. PARKER.....	Jan. 20, " "	" "
MARK P. NORTON.....	Jan. 9, " "	" "
ALFRED T. QUAILE.....	July 21, 1893	" "
HENRY W. DODGE.....	* — — 1894	" "
CHARLES W. L. THALER.....	July 13, " "	" "
LEWIS W. CRAWFORD.....	* — — " "	" "
GEORGE T. BARKER.....	* — — " "	" "
GEORGE ANDERSON.....	* — — " "	" "
WILLIAM T. BENEDICT.....	Jan. 2, " "	JERUSALEM
JOSEPH BARNES.....	Nov. 10, 1893	KAABA
F. R. HEMPSTEAD.....	Aug. 3, 1894	" "
E. R. HUMPHREY.....	Aug. 12, " "	" "
PARDON B. HUNT.....	May 6, " "	" "
M. W. HUTCHINSON.....	June 14, " "	" "
HENRY RADERMACHER.....	Nov.* — 1893	" "
R. S. SKINNER.....	July* — 1894	" "
JACOB W. STEWART.....	April 13, " "	" "
ARAD T. FOSTER.....	Mch. 29, " "	KISMET
FRED W. REBHAUN.....	May 8, " "	" "
H. A. TUCKER.....	May 14, " "	" "
CHAS. H. TYSON.....	June 8, " "	" "
W. T. WINSOR.....	Sept. 7, " "	" "
W. H. GORDON.....	Oct. 1, " "	" "
THOMAS S. GARDNER.....	Nov. 1, " "	" "
GEO. H. RICHARDSON.....	Dec. 9, " "	" "
AVERY G. WHEELER.....	Dec. 11, " "	" "
CHARLES BOWERS.....	May 31, 1893	KORA
FRANKLIN ADAMS.....	Aug. 2, " "	" "
C. W. BOYNTON.....	Jan. 15, 1894	" "
ORLANZO MALTBY.....	* — — " "	KOREIN
CLINTON McCARTY.....	Oct. 3, " "	KOSAIR
W. H. COLLINS.....	Aug.* — 1893	LU LU
S. J. JACKSON.....	Oct. 1, " "	" "
JAMES H. AUSTIN.....	Dec. 30, " "	" "

* Date not reported.

NOBLE.	Date.	Temple.
SAMUEL J. DICKEY	Jan. 1, 1894	 Lu Lu
JAMES CENOWAY	Jan. 22, "	 "
OSCAR M. WILLSON	Feb. 21, "	 "
THOMAS H. GIBB	Feb. 15, "	 "
MICHAEL B. ANDRESS	Feb. 22, "	 "
JAMES KERR.....	Feb. 24, "	 "
HENRY C. REICHARD	Feb. 19, "	 "
THOMAS E. FIELD.....	Dec. 18, 1893	 "
SAMUEL R. FOSTER	April 28, 1894	 "
ROBERT WOODS.....	May 21, "	 "
ADAM SMYTH.....	July 28, "	 "
LAMBERT HUGHES	July 18, "	 "
HENRY F. BONFIELD.....	Sept. 2, "	 "
H. ECKFORD KELLEY	Sept. 10, "	 "
REMBRANDT P. DAVIS.....	Oct. 16, "	 "
SAMUEL S. JONES	Mch. 3, "	 "
GEO. S. THROOP	Mch. 16, "	 "
ARTHUR THATCHER.....	Oct. 30, "	 "
MYRON B. WRIGHT	Nov. 12, "	 "
WM. M. JONES.....	Nov. 4, "	 "
WALTER K. MAXWELL	Nov. 30, "	 "
HARWIN P. BAYLEY.....	Dec. 10, "	 "
DAVID E. WILSON	Dec. 16, "	 "
JOHN TAYLOR.....	Jan. 5, "	 "
HUGH T. PIGOTT.....	Jan. 4, 1895	 "
S. T. J. BYAM.....	Jan.* —	 "
JOHN M. WEISSENGER	Feb. 24, "	 "
JOHN C. KELLEY	Feb. 17, "	 "
W. ALLISON COCHRAN	Feb. 25, "	 "
GEO. H. HUBBARD.....	Feb. 27, "	 "
ERWIN J. BALLICT.....	Mch. 3, "	 "
J. PLUMMER MCGARRAH.....	Mch. 14, "	 "
JOHN H. SPRAW	April 28, "	 "
ABRAHAM SCHOURNIGER.....	April 25, "	 "
JAMES W. JOHNSTON	Dec. 28, 1893	 MECCA
SAMUEL A. BROWN	Jan. 10, 1894	 "
ORLANDO GRAICEN.....	Jan. 14, "	 "
ALFRED A. LINDLEY	Jan. 22, "	 "
HENRY L. ZIEGENFURS	Dec. 8, 1893	 "
CHARLES P. LEGGETT.....	Feb. 21, 1894	 "
WASHINGTON L. CHESTER	Feb. 25, "	 "
CHARLES H. PREYER	Feb. 26, "	 "
CHARLES D. SHEPARD.....	Mch. 2, "	 "
JULIUS C. LULLEY	Mch. 5, "	 "
CHARLES L. KIMBALL	Mch. 16, "	 "

* Date not reported.

NOBLE.	Date	Temple.
EDWARD L. GAUL.....	April 2, 1894	MECCA
JOSEPH F. GRAHAM.....	Mch. 30, "	"
JOSEPH V. MORRIS.....	April 6, "	"
GEORGE LOCKWOOD.....	April 2, "	"
JOSEPH C. VIAULT.....	May 1, "	"
JOHN N. GUTHRIE.....	May 24, "	"
BRUNO HOLTZ.....	May 26, "	"
WALTER E. BARNETT.....	June 2, "	"
GEORGE B. EARLE.....	Mch. 21, "	"
GEORGE W. THORNE.....	July 18, "	"
ERNEST P. COX.....	July 26, "	"
JOHN STORER.....	Aug. 7, "	"
IRA A. MILLER.....	Aug. 14, "	"
BENSEN SHERWOOD.....	Aug. 28, "	"
WM. S. THROCKMORTON.....	Oct. 3, "	"
ELISHA W. HAIGHT.....	Oct. 17, "	"
ANDREW SMITH.....	Oct. 21, "	"
CORNELIUS S. ROGERS.....	Oct. 29, "	"
JACOB GOLDBERG.....	Nov. 9, "	"
LUTHER M. FINE.....	April 25, "	"
GEO. W. O. CONNER.....	Sept. 29, "	"
FRANK DILLON.....	Dec. 26, "	"
PETER J. DEMAREST.....	July 14, "	"
STEPHEN GOODRICH.....	April 2, "	"
HENRY E. GILSON.....	Dec. 9, "	"
ALFRED TAYLOR.....	Dec. 9, "	"
DAVID O. KILBOURNE.....	* — — 1892	"
ROBERT MACOY.....	Jan. 9, 1895	"
WILLIAM H. SHELDON.....	Jan. 19, "	"
BENJAMIN F. ADAMS.....	Jan. 27, "	"
GEO. W. HALL.....	Feb. 5, "	"
CHARLES CUMMING.....	Feb. 4, "	"
JOHN I. TILTON.....	Feb. 28, "	"
MILTON J. ROBERTS.....	April 26, 1893	"
JOHN MCGLENCEY.....	Feb. 10, 1895	"
JOSEPH W. TAYLOR.....	Dec. 18, 1894	"
ARTHUR M. SAUNDERS.....	Jan. 24, 1892	"
ABRAHAM C. GARDENIER.....	April 14, 1895	"
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT.....	April 20, "	"
LUTHER A. CHASE.....	April 26, "	"
GEORGE R. BRASH.....	Nov.*—, 1894	"
HARRY ARCHAMBAULT.....	* — — —	MEDINAH
GEORGE M. BARKER.....	* — — —	"
A. A. COOLEY.....	* — — —	"
JOHN GLAZE.....	* — — —	"

* Date not reported.

Noble.	Date.	Temple.
J. B. HECKMAN.....	* — —	MEDINAH
E. F. DAUKE.....	* — —	"
H. W. JENNEY.....	* — —	"
FRED. W. PORTER.....	* — —	"
J. A. PRICE.....	* — —	"
EDGAR P. TOBEY.....	* — —	"
CLAUDE L. WALLER.....	* — —	"
ROBERT HUMPHREY.....	* — —	"
DANIEL SHELBY.....	* — —	"
V. VAN VLETE.....	* — —	"
W. A. HAMMETT.....	* — —	"
F. G. JUNGBLUTT.....	* — —	"
FRANK S. WOODS.....	* — —	"
WILLIAM H. FINN.....	Jan. 2, 1893	MEDIA
WILLIAM A. LYTTLE.....	Jan. 3, 1894	"
EBENEZER L. WAIT.....	May 17, "	"
WM. F. GRETCHER.....	June 26, "	"
ORIN E. TALLMAN.....	Jan. 8, 1895	"
ASA F. LADD.....	Mch. 21, "	"
M. J. MCBRIDE.....	June 21, 1894	MOHAMMED
JOHN LARASH.....	July 21, "	"
SAM H. TAGGART.....	Sept. 4, "	"
JOHN H. A. FRAHIN.....	Mch. 1, 1895	"
JAMES FITZPATRICK.....	Mch. 6, 1894	MOOLAH
F. C. McVEAN.....	April 8, "	"
A. F. DOUK.....	June 28, "	"
LEWIS HOLDEN.....	Aug. 15, "	"
F. CHANDLER.....	Aug. 22, "	"
O. G. STOUT.....	Nov. 31, "	"
C. F. STREEKER.....	Nov. 26, "	"
H. W. HIBBARD.....	Jan. 14, 1895	"
FRED WALTER.....	April 14, 1894	MOSLEM
WILLIAM BILLS.....	July 23, "	"
H. F. FREDE.....	July 31, "	"
W. F. SWIFT.....	Aug. 31, "	"
F. W. FRULAYSON.....	Sept. 16, "	"
FRED L. BARKER.....	Oct. 16, "	"
GEO. H. SHEARER.....	Oct. 20, "	"
A. B. WELLS, SR.....	Nov. 16, "	"
THOS. H. ARMSTRONG.....	Dec. 15, "	"
GEO. W. LATIMER.....	Jan. 14, 1895	"
ROBERT E. DUNCAN.....	Mch. 26, "	"
A. F. HURSLEY.....	April 6, "	"
DANIEL C. JONES.....	April 12, "	"
S. A. MURPHY.....	April 23, "	"

* Date not reported.

NOBLE.	Date.	Temple.
A. N. PEARSON.....	May 24, 1894	Mt. SINAI
ALBERT H. TUTTLE.....	Jan. 19, 1895	“
WM. H. HUNT	April 9, “	“
SAMUEL D. BAKER.....	Jan. 26, 1894	MURAT
GEORGE M. BURNS.....	Feb. 22, 1895	“
ALEX. H. DOHERTY	Mch. 22, “	“
JOHN T. DOHERTY	Mch. 22, “	“
WILLIAM H. GRAY	Oct. 26, 1894	“
JOHN H. JACK	Jan. 26, “	“
JOHN LILLIE.....	Feb. 22, 1895	“
CHAS. M. WOODLAND	Mch. 23, 1894	“
GEORGE C. BURT	Feb. 27, “	ORIENTAL
GEORGE CHURCHILL.....	May 30, “	“
AUGUST HENKE.....	June 14, “	“
JAMES GARSIDE.....	Sept. 15, “	“
JOHN H. WESTCOTT.....	Feb. 20, 1895	“
ALFRED BRAUN.....	Aug. 29, 1894	OSIRIS
CHAS. L. DAVIS	Aug. 30, “	“
F. H. GENNITY	Sept. 11, 1893	OSMAN
J. H. MURPHY	Jan. 13, 1894	“
I. E. MOORE	May 11, “	“
G. L. WEAVER.....	June 24, “	“
W. T. SMALL	July 6, “	“
A. BURLOCK.....	July 10, “	“
A. W. MACDOWELL.....	Sept. 22, “	“
E. HEMSAKER	Oct. 24, “	“
C. M. McCLURE.....	Oct. 24, “	“
W. KINGSTON	Feb. 19, 1895	“
RICHARD J. PAYNE	Jan. 15, 1894	PALESTINE
GEORGE FULLER.....	Feb. 1, “	“
EUGENE A. CRAWFORD.....	May 7, “	“
BARNEY BARDEEN.....	June 6, “	“
HENRY J. ALFREDS.....	Dec. 9, “	“
JOHN S. ROGERS.....	Feb. 14, 1895	“
GEO. C. GAMMON.....	Feb. 25, “	“
JOHN WATERS	April 14, “	“
WM. C. HAMMOND	Jan. 14, “	“
WILLIAM J. WILSON	Ang.*—	PYRAMID
WM. B. LLOYD	Nov. 13, 1894	“
JOSEPH R. WHEELER	Oct. 10, “	“
J. MONTGOMERY BAILEY.....	Mch. 4, “	“
HERBERT B. CHURCH.....	July 12, “	“
HAWLEY BRADLEY	Feb.*—	“
J. M. SMITH	Oct. 6, “	“
JOHN M. LINES.....	* — —	“

* Date not reported.

Noble.	Date.	Temple.
T. S. MORRISON	April 21, 1894	 PYRAMD
L. G. BALDWIN	May 21, "	 "
M. R. LEAVENWORTH	Nov. 1, "	 "
WILLIAM J. DORRANCE	* — —	 "
A. N. MERWIN	* — —	 "
GEO. C. BENEDIENT	* — —	 "
S. W. CARPENTER	* — —	 "
W. H. GOODRICH	Feb. 25, "	 "
GEO. E. MALTBY	Jan. 28, 1895	 "
AUGUSTUS C. HILLS	April 10, 1893	 "
WILLIAM SMITH	Mch. 20, 1894	 RAMESES
WILLIAM HEENEN	June 15, "	 "
JAMES MCKAY	Mch. 9, 1895	 "
PHILIP J. SLATTER	" 11, "	 "
JOHN W. LEWIS	" 20, "	 "
E. B. HARRINGTON	Feb. 22, 1894	 SAHARA
RUSSEL RICHARDSON	June 6, "	 "
JAMES R. CLARKE	Jan. 21, 1895	 SALADIN
WILLIAM A. MOWRER	Sept. 2, 1894	 "
SMITH MOORE	June 15, "	 "
PETER A. STEWART	Jan. 5, "	 SESOSTRIS.
ALFRED G. HASTINGS	July 10, "	 "
WM. O. HAMBEL	Aug. 9, "	 "
MARTIN R. DAVY	Sept. 6, "	 "
CASSIUS C. KENNEY	Jan. 2, 1895	 "
WILLIAM T. P. FAIRMAN	Mch. 18, 1894	 SYRIA
CHRISTIAN C. BAER	* " 28, "	 "
FRANK L. ARDWAY	June 2, "	 "
AUGUSTUS WOLFE	Sept. 4, "	 "
J. LELAND LYTTE	Oct. 16, "	 "
FRANKLIN P. BELL	" 26, "	 "
HENRY BUSH	Nov. 7, "	 "
SAMUEL M. KANE	Jan. 17, 1895	 "
JOHN E. BELL	Mch. 25, "	 SYRIAN
CHARLES BROWN	* — —	 "
SAMUEL H. DUSTIN	Aug. 5, 1894	 "
GABRIEL B. HARMAN	* — —	 "
FRANK REYNOLDS	Dec. 10, 1894	 "
WILLIAM N. TALIAFERRO	Jan. 1, 1895	 "
REUBEN E. McCLAIN	Feb. 12, 1894	 TANGIER
FRED. J. BORTHWICK	Aug. 7, "	 "
AUKER MICHELSON	Aug. 28, "	 "
ALBERT V. H. CARPENTER	Mch. 9, 1895	 TRIPOLI
THOMAS M. CORBETT	May *— 1894	 "
THOMAS DAVIDSON	Feb. 2, 1895	 "

* Date not reported.

NOBLE.	Date.	Temple.
HENRY L. GEORGE.....	Jan. 24, 1894	TRIPOLI
AUGUST H. KELM	Aug. 8, "	"
A. D. LUNT.....	* — — "	"
SILAS R. SLEEPER	Mch. *— 1895	"
WILLIAM T. McARTHUR.....	Dec. 16, 1894	YAARAB
A. P. TRIPOT	Mch. *— "	"
J. B. SMAW.....	Dec. 27, "	ZAMORA
GEO. H. WADDELL.....	April 4, 1895	"
W. O. GILSON	Jan. 24, 1894	ZEM ZEM
ARTHUR J. HARPER.....	Aug. 31, "	"
CHAS. A. CAPRON.....	July 1, "	ZIYARA
JAMES D. EATON.....	July 12, "	"
EDWARD C. MERCEREAU.....	Aug. 31, "	"
C. T. WARD.....	May 25, 1893	ZUHHRAH
N. G. LEIGHTON.....	June 29, 1894	"
C. E. RICHARDSON	Jan. 5, 1895	"
HARRY A. HOUSE	Jan. 18, "	"
D. P. OLSON.....	April 17, "	"

* Date not reported.

STATES WITH TEMPLES.

SEPT. 3, 1895.

Alabama.....	Zamora Temple
Arkansas.....	Sahara Temple
California.....	Al Malaikah and Islam Temples
Colorado.....	El Jebel Temple
Connecticut.....	Pyramid Temple
District of Columbia.....	Almas Temple
Florida.....	Morocco Temple
Georgia.....	Yaarab Temple
Illinois.....	Medinah, Salaam, Mohammed and Tebala Temples
Indiana.....	Murat Temple
Iowa.....	El Kahir and Kaaba Temples
Kansas.....	Abdallah and Isis Temples
Kentucky.....	Kosair Temple
Louisiana.....	Jerusalem Temple
Maine.....	Kora Temple
Maryland.....	Boumi Temple
Massachusetts.....	Aleppo Temple
Michigan.....	Moslem, Saladin and Ahmed Temples
Minnesota.....	Osman and Zuhrah Temples
Missouri.....	Ararat, Moila and Moolah Temples
Mississippi.....	Hamasa Temple
Montana.....	Algeria Temple
Nebraska.....	Sesostris and Tangier Temples
New Mexico.....	Ballut Abyad Temple
New York.....	{ Cyprus, Damascus, Ismailia, Kismet, Media, Mecca, Oriental and Ziyara Temples
North Carolina.....	Oasis Temple
North Dakota.....	El Zagal Temple
Ohio.....	Syrian, Al Koran and Aladdin Temples
Oklahoma.....	India Temple
Oregon.....	Al Kader Temple
Pennsylvania.....	Syria, Lu Lu, Zem Zem, Rajah and Irem Temples
Rhode Island.....	Palestine Temple
South Dakota.....	Naja and El Riad Temples
Tennessee.....	Al Chymia and Alhambra Temples
Texas.....	Ben Hur and Hella Temples
Utah.....	El Kalah Temple
Vermont.....	Mount Sinai Temple
Virginia.....	Acca Temple
Washington.....	El Katif and Affi Temples

West Virginia.....	Osiris Temple
Wisconsin.....	Tripoli Temple
Wyoming.....	Korein Temple
Canada.....	Rameses Temple
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Constitution of the Imperial Council
OF THE
ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER
OF THE
Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
FOR
NORTH AMERICA.

Revised to
Sept. 3, 1895.

ARTICLE I.
NAME AND POWER.

SECTION 1.—This body shall be known by the name, style and title of
THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL
OF THE
ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE
MYSTIC SHRINE
FOR
NORTH AMERICA.

SECTION 2. — It has power to enact Laws, Statutes, and Regulations for the government of the whole Order; to issue Edicts; to amend or repeal the same; to grant dispensations and charters for holding Temples of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine within its jurisdiction; and to amend or revoke the same. Its authority also extends to such Temples as may be organized under its dispensations or charters in foreign countries.

SECTION 3. — It has the exclusive right to control all the subordinate Temples of the Order within its jurisdiction. It may censure, suspend and erase Temples; and try, discipline, suspend, or expel its members for violation and disobedience of its Constitution, Regulations and Edicts.

SECTION 4. — It is the body to which all final appeals shall be made on all matters of importance emanating from subordinate Temples.

SECTION 5. — This Imperial Council being a legislative body, acknowledging no superior, permits an appeal to be taken by any Representative from the decision of the chair on any question under consideration therein: *Provided*, however, that such appeal shall not be sustained unless two-thirds of all the Representatives present shall vote therefor.

ARTICLE II.

SESSIONS.

SECTION 1. — The Imperial Council shall meet annually, at such time and place as shall have been determined by a majority of the Representatives at the previous session.

SECTION 2. — Special sessions may be called by the Imperial Potentate in any emergency, at any time and place in his discretion, or, when requested by seven Representatives to this Imperial Council, five of whom shall be members of separate Temples, it shall be his duty so to do; due notice to be given to each subordinate Temple and to each Representative to the Imperial Council, stating the business to be considered; and no other business than that specified in the call or summons shall be transacted.

SECTION 3. — All sessions shall be opened in full and ample form.

SECTION 4. — Seven Representatives, five of whom shall be Representatives of separate Temples, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 5. — At every session, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes (except alterations of this constitution, as herein provided), the presiding officer not being entitled to a vote except in case the vote is equally divided, when he shall have the casting vote.

SECTION 6. — At each session, when the Imperial Potentate shall have called the Imperial Council to order, the Committee on Credentials shall immediately determine as to the credentials of the Representatives.

SECTION 7. — Notices of sessions of the Imperial Council shall be issued at least 30 days prior to such sessions.

ARTICLE III.

REPRESENTATIVES.

SECTION 1. — Representation in the Imperial Council shall be apportioned as follows: To every Temple working by authority of a charter granted by this Imperial Council there shall be one Representative, who must be a member of the Temple electing him. Each Temple shall be entitled to two Representatives when its membership reaches three hundred, three Representatives when its membership reaches four hundred, and four Representatives when its membership reaches six hundred, but no Temple shall be allowed more than four Representatives.

SECTION 2. — The Representatives shall be chosen as follows: Each Temple shall annually elect by ballot such Representative or Representa-

tives as it shall be entitled to, and a certified record of such election shall be forwarded to the Imperial Recorder, which credential shall be countersigned by the Recorder of the subordinate Temple, who shall also affix the seal of the Temple thereto.

SECTION 3. — The number of membership by which the number of Representatives shall be determined shall be the membership of the Temple on the date of its annual meeting for the election of officers in December of each year.

SECTION 4. — Any Representative of the Imperial Council who shall remove and reside permanently out of its jurisdiction, be suspended or expelled by a subordinate Temple, or found guilty of a criminal offence, shall thereby have vacated his office.

SECTION 5. — All Past Imperial Potentates shall be Representatives *ad vitam*. The Imperial Council may, at its pleasure, elect any member of the Order an emeritus member of the Imperial Council. Said emeritus member or members shall have a voice in the proceedings of the Imperial Council, but shall have no other privileges or emoluments.

SECTION 6. — Representatives shall be entitled to mileage and per diem expenses when in attendance at the sessions of the Imperial Council and no Representative or Representatives, except Past Imperial Potentates, shall be entitled to mileage beyond the aggregate amount paid to the Imperial Council for that year, by such Temple as he or they represent, and no deficiency shall be chargeable to a succeeding year.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS—THEIR TITLES, ELECTION, INSTALLATION, AND TENURE OF OFFICE.

SECTION 1. — The officers of the Imperial Council shall be as follows, viz:

- I. IMPERIAL POTENTATE.
- II. IMPERIAL DEPUTY POTENTATE.
- III. IMPERIAL CHIEF RABBAN.
- IV. IMPERIAL ASSISTANT RABBAN.
- V. IMPERIAL HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET.
- VI. IMPERIAL ORIENTAL GUIDE.
- VII. IMPERIAL TREASURER.
- VIII. IMPERIAL RECORDER.
- IX. IMPERIAL FIRST CEREMONIAL MASTER.
- X. IMPERIAL SECOND CEREMONIAL MASTER, OR STANDARD-BEARER.
- XI. IMPERIAL MARSHAL.
- XII. IMPERIAL CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.
- XIII. IMPERIAL OUTER GUARD.

All of whom must be Representatives to the Imperial Council.

SECTION 2. — The officers shall be elected by ballot, and by a majority vote, at each annual session, and shall hold their office until their successors are elected and installed.

SECTION 3. — The election of officers shall take place immediately after the transaction of all unfinished business, and the reception and disposal of the reports of the officers.

SECTION 4. — The officers of the Imperial Council and of every subordinate Temple in the jurisdiction, before they enter upon the exercise of their respective duties, shall take the following obligation:—

“I (name in full) do solemnly promise and vow that I will faithfully, and to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected, and that I will strictly conform to the requirements of the Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council for North America.”

ARTICLE V.

IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

SECTION 1. — The Imperial Potentate is the executive officer of the Order within the jurisdiction of this Imperial Council. He may suspend, until the next session of the Imperial Council or for a less time, any officer of the Imperial Council or any Temple or officer thereof for violation or disobedience of the Constitution, regulations or edicts of the Imperial Council.

SECTION 2. — He shall preside over all stated and special sessions of the Imperial Council, and at his pleasure, over all sessions of subordinate Temples which he shall favor with his presence.

SECTION 3. — When in his judgment, the good of the Order requires it, he shall have power to call special sessions of the Imperial Council, specifying the business to be laid before it.

SECTION 4. — During the recess of the Imperial Council, he is invested with a general supervision of the Order through the jurisdiction. He shall have a yearly contingent fund in such an amount as the Imperial Council may vote for each ensuing year, out of which all expenses of his office shall be defrayed.

SECTION 5. — He shall have power to confer the Order “at sight” either in person or by a deputy authorized for that purpose, but only for the purpose of organizing new Temples under dispensation in unoccupied territory; and the fees therefor shall be returned into the treasury of the Temple organized under dispensation. The minimum fee in such cases shall be twenty-five dollars for each and every candidate.

SECTION 6. — Each Temple may be visited for the purpose of inspection, by the Imperial Potentate, or by some Representative from the Imperial Council deputed by him for that purpose, at least once during his term of office.

SECTION 7. — He may do all such other acts, and perform all such other duties, not inconsistent with this Constitution, as, in his judgment, the interests of the Order require.

ARTICLE VI.

IMPERIAL DEPUTY POTENTATE.

The Imperial Deputy Potentate, in the event of the death, removal, or physical disability of the Imperial Potentate, shall act, with full power, in his place and stead until the disqualification is removed. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be designated by his superior.

ARTICLE VII.

IMPERIAL CHIEF AND ASSISTANT RABBANS.

The Imperial Chief Rabban and Imperial Assistant Rabban, in the absence of their superiors, shall severally and respectively assume the responsibilities and discharge the duties of their superior officers according to rank. At all other times they shall discharge the duties traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

ARTICLE VIII.

IMPERIAL RECORDER.

SECTION 1. — The Imperial Recorder shall attend all sessions of the Imperial Council, and shall keep a true record of all the work, deliberations and transactions of the Imperial Council, and transcribe the same in a book for that purpose.

SECTION 2. — He shall collect and receive all the revenue of the Imperial Council, and pay over the amount to the Imperial Treasurer whenever the sum reaches the amount of one hundred dollars. Before entering upon the duties of his office he shall give a bond to the Imperial Potentate in the sum of ten thousand dollars.

SECTION 3. — He shall forward to each newly constituted Temple, immediately upon such Temple receiving a dispensation, a copy of this Constitution, together with such other statutes and edicts as are in force.

SECTION 4. — He shall make an annual report of his accounts, and also a summary of the returns of the Subordinate Temples showing the number of the members of each; also the admissions, rejections, suspensions, expulsions, dismissions and deaths. He shall have his books, papers and accounts present at the opening of each annual session prepared for examination by the Committee on Finance and Accounts; shall have in custody the Official Seal of the Imperial Council, and affix it to all official communications; notify the members of the Imperial Council of the annual and special sessions, and perform such other duties appertaining to his office as may be required; and at the expiration of his term of office deliver to his successor all books, papers, or other property in his possession, belonging to the Imperial Council.

SECTION 5. — He shall receive for his services such compensation as the Imperial Council shall from time to time designate.

ARTICLE IX.

IMPERIAL TREASURER.

It is the duty of the Imperial Treasurer to attend all sessions of the Imperial Council, with the books and papers of his office. He shall receive all moneys from the Imperial Recorder, giving his receipt therefor, and shall deposit the same in a National Bank in the name of, and subject to the order of, this Imperial Council. He shall pay all orders authorized to be drawn on him by the Imperial Council; such orders to be signed by the Imperial Recorder and countersigned by the Imperial Potentate, and issued in payment of an appropriation, or in accordance with an order previously made by the Imperial Council, and, before entering upon the duties of his office, give his bond to the Imperial Potentate in the sum of twenty thousand dollars; and shall, at each annual session, render a correct account of his receipts and disbursements; and, at the expiration of his term of office, he shall deliver to his successor all moneys, books, papers, or other property that may be in his possession, or under his control, as Imperial Treasurer. He shall receive for his services the sum of one hundred dollars per annum.

ARTICLE X.

OTHER OFFICERS.

The remaining officers are to perform such duties as are appropriate to their several stations, or as may be assigned to them by the Imperial Council or the Imperial Potentate.

ARTICLE XI.

COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. — The following Standing Committees, each consisting of five members, to be appointed by the Imperial Potentate at least sixty days before the meeting of the Imperial Council, shall examine the report to the Imperial Council upon the several matters referred to them.

CREDENTIALS. — Whose duty it shall be to examine and report upon the credentials of the newly elected Representatives.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS. — They shall particularly examine the work and records of each Temple under dispensation and asking for charter, and report to the Imperial Council such action as they shall deem proper.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS. — It shall be their duty to examine the books and vouchers of the Imperial Treasurer and Imperial Recorder, and report to the Imperial Council the actual condition of the finances, books and accounts.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS. — All matters of controversy, appeal or grievance brought before the Imperial Council shall be referred to this

committee, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same, and report their action thereon.

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.— To them shall be referred all propositions to revise, alter or amend the Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council, as well as all other matters on questions of law or usage; and they shall report thereon, in writing, to the Imperial Council.

MILEAGE AND PAY OF REPRESENTATIVES.— To them shall be referred all matters pertaining to the mileage and pay of Representatives, and they shall report, by resolution or otherwise, what action should be taken, if any, by the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XII.

DEPUTIES.

SECTION 1.— Deputies may be appointed by the Imperial Potentate for a specific purpose, which shall be set forth in the commission issued which shall be executed without unnecessary delay; and the appointment shall cease when the said purposes shall have been executed. It shall be the duty of each Deputy appointed under the provisions of this Section to *return* his authority to the Imperial Potentate with a written report of his action thereunder. The expenses incurred by Deputies shall be paid by the Imperial Treasurer when approved by the Imperial Potentate.

ARTICLE XIII.

DISPENSATIONS FOR TEMPLES.

SECTION 1.— The Imperial Potentate shall have power, during the recess, to grant Letters of Dispensation to seven or more petitioners properly recommended, possessing the Constitutional qualifications, empowering them to form and open a Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. This dispensation shall cease at the next annual session of the Imperial Council, or be continued, recalled, or a charter granted by order of the Imperial Council.

SECTION 2.— No dispensation shall be issued unless the petition shall be recommended by the nearest Temple of the Order, but in the event of the refusal of the said nearest Temple to grant consent, it shall be within the power of the Imperial Council, duly assembled, to grant said dispensation without said consent, should they deem it for the best interests of the Order to do so. In each State and Territory within the United States where two or more Temples of the Order exist, no charter or dispensation shall be granted, except by action of the Imperial Council. Should any Temple of the Order have its charter recalled by the action of the Imperial Council, no new charter can be granted provided there be remaining two Temples of the Order within such State or Territory, except by action of the Imperial Council. When an application for a dispensa-

tion in unoccupied territory is received, the Temple nearest the site of the proposed new Temple shall be notified of the application for said dispensation, at least thirty days prior to the issuing of the same, that reasons may be assigned, if any, against said dispensation being issued; but nothing in this section shall be construed to impair the prerogative of the Imperial Potentate to issue dispensations in unoccupied territory. The petitioners must give satisfactory evidence of good standing, of a suitable place of meeting, of possessing or having the ability to procure proper furniture and paraphernalia for the use of the Temple, and of being competent to conduct intelligently the ceremonies, work and government thereof.

SECTION 3. — No dispensation shall be continued if granted more than six (6) months prior to any regular session of the Imperial Council, neither shall any charter be granted to any Temple not having provided itself with a *seal*, a *proper place of meeting*, and the *necessary paraphernalia* for conferring the Order.

SECTION 4. — The petitioners for a dispensation, members of the Temple whose consent is required, are not barred from voting on the question of consent.

SECTION 5. — A Temple under dispensation is only liable for dues for the fractional part of the year that it was in existence, in addition to the per capita dues on members created.

SECTION 6. — A Temple holding a dispensation or charter has a legal existence and legal jurisdiction, and whether it works or not, such jurisdiction cannot be gainsaid except by action of the Imperial Council.

SECTION 7. — A Temple under dispensation has no right to elect officers, nor is a Potentate of a Temple under dispensation entitled to the rank of a Past Potentate. A Temple under dispensation is not entitled to representation in the Imperial Council.

A Noble signing a petition for a dispensation for a Temple becomes a member of the Temple under dispensation and is amenable to it for dues. He should pay dues to the Temple of which he was a member prior to the issuing of the dispensation only up to the date of the dispensation of the new Temple, and his membership in the chartered Temple remains in abeyance until a charter is granted to the new Temple.

If the dispensation of a new Temple is taken up, and no charter issued, the membership of all Nobles reverts to the Temples of which they were members prior to the issuing of the dispensation.

When a dispensation to any Temple is recalled and no charter issued, all Nobles created in said Temple become members of the Order at large, subject to the authority of the Imperial Council, and are entitled to a certificate to that effect from the Imperial Recorder, which certificate has the force of a dimit for purpose of affiliation.

Upon the receipt of a charter it is the duty of the Potentate of the Temple chartered to cause the Recorder to certify that fact to all Temples

in which the charter members formerly held their membership and their membership in said Temples thereupon terminates.

ARTICLE XIV.

JURISDICTION OF TEMPLES.

SECTION 1. — The territorial jurisdiction of subordinate Temples, chartered by this Imperial Council, extends in all directions to one-half the distance, by a direct line, between itself and the nearest Temple. *Provided*, that in no case can it extend beyond the limits of the State, Territory, or district to which it is located, *provided*, also, that Temples occupying the same State or Territory may agree upon concurrent jurisdiction within or an equitable division of their territory, should they so desire; *provided*, also, that the Imperial Council may declare concurrent jurisdiction or an equitable division of territory between all Temples in States where more than one Temple exists, should it appear for the best interests of the Order to do so, but only after said disputing Temples have failed to agree upon concurrent jurisdiction or an equitable division of territory.

SECTION 2. — A Temple shall not act upon a petition for initiation of any one residing within the jurisdiction of another Temple without first obtaining permission of such Temple. It shall be competent in such cases for a Temple to waive its jurisdiction, and permit another Temple to confer the Order upon one residing within its jurisdiction; and such authority shall be given only under the seal of the Temple so granting it. Temples having concurrent jurisdiction must notify each other of all petitions received.

SECTION 3. — Each Temple is sovereign in its own jurisdiction whether under dispensation or chartered, and no applicant, resident in such jurisdiction, can apply elsewhere for the Order without the consent of the Temple.

SECTION 4. — Temples may open and confer the Order at any place within their jurisdiction, notice being given of such intent and candidates having been previously elected, but no other business can be transacted at such sessions except the necessary preliminaries toward conferring the Order.

ARTICLE XV.

INITIATION FEE.

The Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine shall not be conferred upon any one for a less sum than twenty-five (\$25) dollars; but Temples may increase the amount at their pleasure.

ARTICLE XVI.

FEES AND REVENUE.

SECTION 1. — The revenue of the Imperial Council shall be derived from the following sources :

For every dispensation to form and open a Temple, there shall be required and paid one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars, of which one hundred dollars shall be returned when a charter is granted.

SECTION 2. — Each subordinate Temple shall pay to the Imperial Council the sum of two (\$2) dollars for each and every candidate receiving the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine within such Temple, which sum shall be forwarded immediately to the Imperial Recorder, who shall forthwith issue a diploma of the Imperial Council to each and every candidate.

SECTION 3. — Every subordinate Temple shall pay annually to the Imperial Council, in accordance with its membership, the following sum :

For 100 members or less Ten Dollars (\$10)

For each hundred members or less in

addition to the above Ten Dollars (\$10)

The dues shall accompany the annual return of every Temple to the Imperial Council.

SECTION 4. — For every copy of the Oriental Ritual the fee shall be five (\$5) dollars. They shall be issued only upon the application of a regular Temple of the Order, but no more than three copies shall be issued to any one Temple, and then only upon order of the Imperial Potentate.

ARTICLE XVII.

THE RITUAL.

The Ritual, as promulgated by the Imperial Council for the use of the Order in its jurisdiction, shall be adopted uniformly by every Temple, and no alterations or additions shall be made in the Ritual, except by authority of the Imperial Council, and every departure therefrom will be considered as an indignity to the same.

ARTICLE XVIII.

REGALIA.

SECTION 1. — The emblems, jewels, and costumes for every office in this Order, as promulgated by the Imperial Council in the Ritual, shall be strictly adhered to.

SECTION 2. — The Red Turkish Fez is adopted as a uniform style of head covering for all Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

ARTICLE XIX.

EMBLEMS AND JEWELS.

The Emblems and Jewels of the Mystic Shrine are the characteristic Insignia of the Oriental nation from which the Order emanates. They

are the Crescent, Pyramid, Sphinx Head, Panther-Bodied Female Sphinx, the Urn, Sun, Moon, Stars, etc., and are used to decorate the Tombs, Banners, Draperies, Costumes, Regalia, etc. In mourning drapery, the combination is the Sun with rays, Moon and Stars.

CRESCENT.

The original and universal Emblematic Jewel is the Crescent, formed of two nails from a Tiger's Paw, united at their bases with a band of gold, and a ring at the base to suspend it as a charm or Jewel, to be hung points downward. The gold band should be decorated with the Sphinx Head on one side, a Pyramid with the Urn upon it on the other; the name of the owner, and the date of his receiving the Order, engraved upon the sides; and inside the circle "Allah" or God, and the motto of the Order, which is "Robur et Furor," and signifies "Strength and Fury." Every Noble of the Mystic Shrine is entitled to wear this Jewel. The combining of the emblems of other secret orders with the Jewel of the Shrine is deemed inappropriate, and is therefore prohibited.

The wearing of the Fez and Jewel of the Order on occasions other than meetings of Temples of the Arabic Order, or gatherings of Shriners under the authority of some legal body of the Order is ill-advised, and Potentates are expected to prevent such action by their members.

ARTICLE XX.

SUBORDINATE TEMPLES — HOW CONSTITUTED.

SECTION 1. — All regular Subordinate Bodies of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine are termed Temples, and shall consist of the following officers:

I. ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE	<i>Shayk</i>
II. CHIEF RABBAN	<i>Emeer</i>
III. ASSISTANT RABBAN	<i>Sahib</i>
IV. HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET	<i>Imam</i>
V. ORIENTAL GUIDE	<i>Ayn</i>
VI. TREASURER	<i>Chayzin</i>
VII. RECORDER	<i>Katib</i>
VIII. FIRST CEREMONIAL MASTER	<i>Wakil</i>
IX. SECOND CEREMONIAL MASTER, OR STANDARD BEARER	<i>Alam</i>
X. DIRECTOR	<i>Malah</i>
XI. MARSHAL	<i>Amal</i>
XII. CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD	<i>Rays</i>
XIII. OUTER GUARD	<i>Hafiz</i>

And as many members as the Temple may admit.

The first seven officers shall be elected annually by ballot. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the Illustrious Potentate.

SECTION 2. — When a charter is granted the members of the Temple receiving it must hold an election of officers as soon after its reception as possible.

ARTICLE XXI.

ENTHRONEMENT.

Previous to the enthronement of a Potentate-elect, the Imperial Council requires his assent to the following Ordinances:

First. Do you solemnly vow, upon your honor, that you will exert your best endeavors to promote the true happiness of your brother Nobles of the Mystic Shrine?

Second. That you will endeavor to promote the general good of the Order, and preserve the solemnity of the ceremonies with profound respect and reverence?

Third. That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any Temple which does not work under constitutional authority as recognized by the Imperial Council?

Fourth. That you will ever maintain and support the authority of the Imperial Council for North America, and enforce obedience to its Constitution, Regulations and Edicts?

Do you submit to all these Ordinances, and promise to observe and practice them faithfully?

ARTICLE XXII.

ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE — DUTIES.

The Illustrious Potentate is specially charged to see that the By-Laws of his Temple are duly observed, as well of the Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council; that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered; that regular returns are made to the Imperial Council, and that the annual dues are promptly paid; and that no fewer than two sessions are held annually, of which one shall be held in December.

ARTICLE XXIII.

OFFICERS OF TEMPLES — DUTIES.

SECTION 1. — The duties of the officers of the Temple shall be those assigned to them in the ritual, and as traditionally appropriate to them respectively, as also those defined in the Constitution and Regulations.

SECTION 2. — The Potentate, Chief Rabban and Assistant Rabban cannot resign after having been duly elected *and installed*. Any other officer of a Temple may resign his office. No member can be forced to accept an election to an office.

ARTICLE XXIV.

PREREQUISITES FOR THE ORDER.

No application for the Order shall be received unless the applicant is a regular Knight Templar in good standing, or a Thirty-second Degree

Mason of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the obedience of either of the Supreme Councils for the Northern or for the Southern Masonic jurisdiction of such Rite in the United States, and those Supreme Councils which are in amity with and recognized by them. Each application for the Order shall be made upon the form of petition provided by the Imperial Council. To receive and ballot upon petitions at the same meeting, a Temple must apply for and receive a Special Dispensation from the Imperial Potentate authorizing them so to do, in which event the members of the Temple must receive due and timely notice of the proposed election of candidates under the said dispensation. The penalty for violation of this article shall be the suspension of the charter of the Temple so offending until the next session of the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XXV.

BALLOT ON CANDIDATES.

SECTION 1. — If, upon the balloting for a candidate, subsequent to a favorable report, three black balls shall appear, another ballot shall immediately be had, but no more; upon the appearance of three black balls a second time, the candidate shall be declared rejected, and disqualified from making a second application for thirteen weeks.

SECTION 2. — After a candidate has been declared elected, any subsequent objection or protest must be filed in writing, signed by at least three members of the body, and must stand. Said objection shall be entered upon the minutes, and shall have the same force and effect as a second ballot, and shall prevent a reconsideration of the matter for thirteen weeks.

ARTICLE XXVI.

DECISION OF QUESTIONS.

All questions shall be determined by a majority of votes.

The presiding officer shall have no vote unless there be a tie, when he shall have the deciding vote.

No appeal from the decision of the Illustrious Potentate shall lie to the Temple. Any member may appeal from the decision of the Illustrious Potentate to the Imperial Potentate, whose decision shall stand until the same shall be revoked or approved by the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XXVII.

NAMES OF TEMPLES.

Every Temple formed in this jurisdiction shall select an ancient Arabic or Egyptian name, according to the ancient laws of the Order.

ARTICLE XXVIII.

SEAL OF TEMPLES.

Every Temple in this jurisdiction shall have a seal, giving the name thereof, an impression of which shall be deposited with the Imperial Recorder.

ARTICLE XXIX.

BY-LAWS.

Each Temple is required to forward a copy of its By-Laws to the Imperial Council for approval, and, also, when such approval has been received, to forward to the Imperial Council a copy of such By-Laws.

ARTICLE XXX.

MEMBERSHIP IN TEMPLES.

SECTION 1. — Any person applying for the degrees to any Temple, shall be an actual resident of the jurisdiction of the Temple to which he applies for at least six months. Membership may be terminated by voluntary dismission upon payment of all indebtedness to the Temple, or by expulsion from the Order after due trial, and a vote of three-fourths of the members present when the vote is taken.

Membership is suspended by a member uniting in the formation of a Temple under dispensation, and dissolved by the granting of a charter to the new Temple, unless the member gives notice in writing, or personally in open session, at or before the surrender of the dispensation, of his intention to resume his former membership.

SECTION 2. — A member can hold active membership in but one Temple.

SECTION 3. — Affiliation is a matter solely between the applicant and the Temple to which he applies. A noble of the Mystic Shrine, holding a dimitt from a legal Temple, may present his petition to any Temple of the Order.

SECTION 4. — An offense committed by a Noble, which has caused his suspension or expulsion in any Order, membership in which is a prerequisite to this Order, such expulsion or suspension must similarly affect his standing in his Temple.

SECTION 5. — A member may be suspended for non-payment of dues, and suspended or expelled for conduct unbecoming a member of the Order.

To suspend for non-payment of dues, a majority vote only of the members present at any regular meeting shall be necessary, provided notice has been given to the delinquent member that he is in arrears and an opportunity afforded him to be present.

For conduct unbecoming a member of the Order, it shall require a

vote of two-thirds of the members present to suspend membership, and a vote of three-fourths of the members present to expel a member at any regular meeting.

No member of a Temple can be suspended or expelled for conduct unbecoming a member, without formal charges being presented, notice served upon him and an opportunity afforded him to be heard in his defense.

SECTION 6. Any member of a Temple may object to the presence in his (the objector's) own Temple of any visiting member of the Order should he desire to do so.

SECTION 7. Any Noble suspended or expelled by his Temple may be reinstated by such Temple on written petition and vote and by the same majority suspending or expelling him, and on payment of all arrearages in case of suspension for non-payment of dues.

ARTICLE XXXI.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Honorary membership may be conferred by subordinate Temples upon any member of this Order, as a compliment, by a majority vote; such membership confers no rights or privileges.

ARTICLE XXXII.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Every Temple shall annually elect its officers and its Representative or Representatives to the Imperial Council at a stated session to be held in December, and the installation of officers shall take place immediately or at its first succeeding session. Should it be impossible to hold the election as required above, a special dispensation to hold said election must be obtained from the Imperial Potentate. In the event of the resignation of any officer, or Representative, the Temple may elect a successor without special dispensation for that purpose, provided notice is given the members of the Temple that said election will be held.

ARTICLE XXXIII.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

Every subordinate Temple shall on the 1st day of May or within ten days thereafter in each year, transmit to the Imperial Recorder, in such form as shall be furnished, its annual return, accompanied by the dues to the Imperial Council, as provided by Article XVI. of this Constitution.

The initiation fee of two dollars for every initiate, if not paid at date of initiation, shall accompany the annual return, in accordance with Article XVI. of this Constitution.

Any Temple neglecting or refusing to make its annual returns on or before May 10th, accompanied by the fees and dues, shall be notified thereof; and if, after fifteen days' notice, it fails to fully comply, it shall be suspended by the Imperial Potentate until restored by a vote of the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XXXIV.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1.—The Imperial Council shall be competent, upon the concurrence of three-fourths of the members present at any session, to revise, amend, and alter this Constitution.

SECTION 2.—Any member intending to submit a motion relative to a change in the Constitution, Statutes, or Regulations, shall give notice thereof in writing, to the Imperial Recorder, at least two months prior to the day on which the session at which said subject is to be discussed is to be held, and notice thereof shall be inserted in the summons; otherwise no such motion shall be entertained, unless the failure to publish the same in the summons is by fault of the officer charged with the duty of issuing it.

SECTION 3.—All amendments proposed may be modified in any manner by the Imperial Council while the same is under consideration; on modification, however, shall be made not germane to the matter contained in the original proposed amendment. It shall require a two-thirds vote to change the Constitution in the case of any amendment offered, in accordance with Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this article.

SECTION 4.—All amendments to, or alterations of the Constitution and laws presented to the Imperial Council while in session, and which have not been published in the summons for that session, shall be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, who shall report upon them at the next session of the Imperial Council, when it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the Representatives present to adopt the same.

SECTION 5.—Resolved that all amendments to the Constitution and Laws shall be reduced to writing and offered as required by Section 2, Article XXXIV., and the entire section proposed to be amended must be fully written out as the same will read with the amendment incorporated therein. Otherwise no amendment need be considered.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

IMPROPER PUBLICATIONS.—WHEREAS, The practice of certain Temples of the Mystic Shrine, owing fealty to this Imperial Council, in introducing immoral, low, vulgar, and obscene actions and ceremonies into the ritual is rapidly and justly bringing the Order into contempt, and must finally tend to the disruption of the institution; and, inasmuch as such practices are evidently countenanced and permitted by certain Potentates and presiding officers of Temples, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Imperial Council hereby emphatically condemns all immoral and vulgar practices, and declares that a repetition of such proceedings shall be sufficient cause for the revocation of the charter of any such Temple.

Resolved, That hereafter the Illustrious Potentate, or presiding officer for the time being, of each Temple shall be held personally responsible for not immediately arresting any attempt at such vulgarity

and obscenity, and will render himself subject to expulsion from the Order. — (Proceedings, 1890, page 51.)

PAYMENT BY CHECK. — *Resolved*, That the Imperial Treasurer shall pay each Representative entitled to mileage and per diem by check, and take his receipt therefor. The check to be drawn on the bank or banks in which the funds are deposited. — (Proceedings, 1891, page 53.)

ARABIC CALENDAR. — *Resolved*, To make the Arabic Calendar, as prepared by Noble Charles A. Hiller, of Salina, Kan., the official calendar of the Imperial Council. — (Proceedings, 1891, page 53.)

REJECTED CANDIDATES. — *Resolved*, That hereafter the name and address, and Masonic qualifications, of all candidates rejected by subordinate Temples shall be forwarded each month to the Imperial Recorder, who shall, at the end of each month, mail to the Recorder of every Temple in the jurisdiction a printed list of such rejected candidates, together with the name of the Temple rejecting them. — (Proceedings, 1891, page 52.)

CREDENTIAL BLANKS. — *Resolved*, That the Imperial Recorder be directed to prepare a uniform credential blank, and mail them to the several Temples in ample time for filling out and presentation at the annual sessions of the Imperial Council. — (Proceedings, 1891, page 52.)

BADGE. — *Resolved*, That the Imperial Council adopt and furnish a badge, to be worn only by delegates to the Imperial Council when in session, and that the same be sent to the Potentate of each Temple by the Imperial Recorder each year, preparatory to the meeting of the Imperial Council, and the same to be delivered to the Representatives by the Potentates. — (1892 Proceedings.)

JURISDICTION. — From report of Committee on Grievance; recommendation adopted: "In order that no Temple or Potentate may in future plead ignorance of Art. XIV., Sec. 2; and in order that a suitable punishment may be inflicted for the violation of the above section, it shall be the duty of the Imperial Potentate to revoke the charter of any Temple violating the provision of the section referred to until the next meeting of the Imperial Council." — (1892 Proceedings.)

TRUSTEES. — *Resolved*, That the Imperial Potentate, Imperial Treasurer and Imperial Recorder be constituted a Board of Trustees to care for the funds and securities of the Imperial Council. — (1893 Proceedings.)

LIST OF EXPULSIONS, ETC. — *Resolved*, That the Imperial Recorder is directed to issue to all Temples, quarterly, a list of all expulsions, suspensions and restorations reported to him. — (1893 Proceedings.)

MEETING COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE, ETC. — *Resolved*, That the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws shall be required to meet at least one day in advance of the meeting of the Imperial Council, and that at this meeting they shall be placed in possession of all papers and matters to be referred to said committee which they can have, that due consideration may be given to the important business of the session. — (Proceedings 1894.)

FORMS.

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION.

TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA:

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents that they are Knights Templar, or Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32°, and in good standing as Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, residing in ———, and State of ———, and competent to form and open a Temple of this Order, and to properly discharge the various duties thereof, according to the requirements of the Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council of the Order.

Having the welfare and prosperity of the Order at heart, and being desirous of extending its benefits to worthy Knights Templar and Thirty-second Degree Masons, they pray for a Dispensation, empowering them to form, open and hold a regular Temple of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at ———, and State of ———, to be designated as ——— Temple, and they beg to recommend Illustrious Noble ——— to be the first Illustrious Potentate of said Temple.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	PROFESSION.	COMMANDERY.	CONSISTORY.
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PETITION FOR AFFILIATION.

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF ——— TEMPLE, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE:

The undersigned, a regular Noble of the Mystic Shrine, initiated in ——— Temple, stationed at ———, and last a member of ——— Temple, held at ———, as may be seen by the inclosed Certificate of Demit, respectfully prays that he may be admitted a member of your Temple.

Signature.....

Profession
Age
Residence
Recommended by.....

PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP.

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF ——— TEMPLE, SITUATED IN ———:

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar (or Thirty-second Degree Mason,) in good standing in ——— Commandery, No. — (or ——— Consistory), situated at ———, State of ———, and respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and

become a member of your Temple. I furthermore represent that I have never previously applied for said Order, nor have I been rejected by any other Temple. If I be found worthy and my request granted, I promise to conform to all the Ceremonies, Engagements, Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council, together with those of your Temple.

Signature.....
 Where Born
 Date of Birth..... day of.....18..
 Profession or Occupation.....
 Residence No.....Street
 Business Address No.Street
 Recommended and vouched for on the honor of
 Noble.....
 "
 Fees \$____, enclosed.

REPORT ON PETITIONS.

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF ——
 TEMPLE, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC
 SHRINE.

The committee appointed on the within petition to make the necessary inquiries relative to ——, of —— Commandery, No.—, Knights Templar (or —— Consistory, 32°), situate at ——, being an applicant for initiation and membership (or, for affiliation) have performed that duty, and beg leave to report —— of the prayer of the petitioner being granted.

..... } Committee.

Balloted for ——, 18—.

CERTIFICATE OF DEMIT.

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

WHEREAS, ——, a Worthy Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and a late Member of —— Temple, held at ——, under a Charter from the Imperial Council for North America, has regularly withdrawn from said Temple, and conformed to its By-Laws; therefore he is hereby granted this testimonial of his conduct as a Worthy Noble of the Order during his continuance among us, and recommended to the favorable consideration of all True and Worthy Nobles throughout the Globe.

Witness his and our hands and the seal of the Temple, this —— day of 18—.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL

Attest: (Signature)..... *Ne Varietur.*
 Residence.....
 Age.....years Profession
*Illustrious Potentate.*
*Recorder.*

DIPLOMA OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

ES SELAMU ALEIKUM.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE
 NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

To all True and Faithful Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Know ye, that the Worthy Noble ———, who hath signed his
 Name in the margin hereof, was regularly Received, Admitted and
 Constituted a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, in ——— Temple of ———,
 on the ——— day of ———, 18—, and that he is duly enrolled as such
 upon the Records of the Order.

In Testimony Whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our Names
 and affixed the Seal of the Imperial Council for North America.

—————, *Imperial Potentate.*
 Attest: ———, *Imperial Recorder.*

POCKET OR TRAVELLING CERTIFICATE.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE
 NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA.

To all True and Faithful Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Know ye, that the Worthy Brother ———, who hath signed his Name
 in the margin hereof, was regularly Received, Admitted and Constituted
 a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, in ——— Temple of ———, on the ———
 day of ———, 18—, and that he is duly enrolled as such upon the Records
 of the Order.

In Testimony Whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our Names, and
 affixed the Seal of the Imperial Council for North America.

—————, *Imperial Potentate.*
 Attest: ———, *Imperial Recorder.*

Noble ——— is, at the date above written, a member in good stand-
 ing in this Temple.

—————, *Recorder.*
 ———, *Temple.*
 Ne Varietur.



Harrison D. Wignam

IMPERIAL POTENTATE

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THE

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Ancient Arabic Order

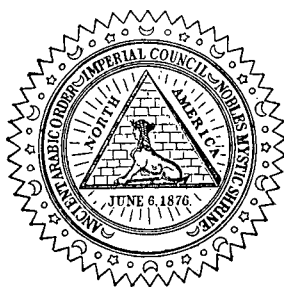
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FOR
NORTH AMERICA.



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HENRY C. AKIN	<i>Imperial First Ceremonial Master</i>
OMAHA, NEB.	
ALLEN ANDREWS	<i>Imperial Second Ceremonial Master</i>
HAMILTON, O.	
HORACE K. BLANCHARD	<i>Imperial Marshal</i>
PROVIDENCE, R.I.	
GEORGE H. GREEN	<i>Imperial Captain of Guards</i>
DALLAS, TEX.	
GEORGE F. WHITE	<i>Imperial Outer Guard</i>
DAVENPORT, IA.	

Imperial Council

الخويفة قديم عربي

Ancient Arabic Order

OF THE

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

اشرف المسجد سي

FOR NORTH AMERICA.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION,

1896.

IN compliance with the decision of the Special Committee on time and place of the next meeting appointed at the twenty-first annual session, held at Nantasket Beach, Mass., the Twenty-second Annual Session of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America was held at Masonic Temple, Cleveland, Ohio, commencing on Tuesday, June 23, 1896, at 10.15 o'clock A.M.; notice of which session was issued to all Officers, Representatives and Temples, as follows:—

CALL FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER NOBLES OF THE
MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA.

OFFICE OF IMPERIAL POTENTATE,
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Feb. 10, 1896.

TO THE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, TO ALL POTENTATES OF SUBORDINATE TEMPLES, AND TO THE NOBILITY OF OUR ORDER,

ES SELAMU ALEIKUM.

The Twenty-second Annual Session of the Imperial Council will be held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 16 and 17, 1896.

The Headquarters of the Congress will be at the Weddell House, where the Imperial Potentate, Imperial Recorder and Imperial Treasurer will have apartments for the transaction of business pertaining to their respective offices.

Representatives and other Nobles desiring hotel accommodations are requested to communicate with Noble Sam Briggs, as soon as possible. Potentates and Representatives are reminded to file with the Imperial Recorder (two months prior to the date of this session) all papers referring to By-Laws, Appeals, Grievances, Reports, Amendments to the Constitution, etc., that the same may be in readiness for presentation to the proper committees.

Temples under dispensation will forward to the Imperial Potentate a report of all work done under dispensation, a copy of their by-laws, and the dispensation under which they are working, that recommendation may be made to the Imperial Council.

Potentates and Recorders of Temples are hereby reminded, that the annual returns of their Temples must be in the hands of the Imperial Recorder not later than May 10, 1896, and that said returns must be accompanied by checks for the amount of work still unremitted for, and also the amount of the annual dues. See Cons., Art. 33.

Yours in the faith,

CHAS. L. FIELD,
Imperial Potentate.

ATTEST:

B. W. ROWELL,
Imperial Recorder.

CALL FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER NOBLES OF THE
MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA.

OFFICE OF THE IMPERIAL POTENTATE,
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., March 20, 1896.

TO THE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, TO ALL POTENTATES OF SUBORDINATE TEMPLES, AND TO THE NOBILITY OF OUR ORDER,

ES SELAMU ALEIKUM.

Since issuing the "Call for the Annual Session" of the Imperial Council under date of Feb. 10, 1896, it has come to my knowledge that many of the Representatives to the Imperial Council are delegates to or desire to attend the National Convention to be held at St. Louis, Mo., on the same date fixed for the Imperial Council, viz.: June 16, 1896; and in view of the fact that nearly all the Representatives have expressed themselves in favor of a change from the aforesaid date, in deference to their wishes I hereby announce that the Twenty-second Annual Session of the Imperial Council is postponed one week from the original date, and will be held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 23 and 24, 1896.

Yours in the faith,

CHAS. L. FIELD,
Imperial Potentate.

ATTEST:

B. W. ROWELL,
Imperial Recorder.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER NOBLES OF THE
MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA.

OFFICE OF THE IMPERIAL POTENTATE,
CHARLES L. FIELD, 312 CLAY STREET,
SAN FRANCISCO, April 15, 1896.

TO THE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, TO ALL POTENTATES OF SUBORDINATE TEMPLES, AND TO THE NOBILITY OF OUR ORDER,

ES SELAMU ALEIKUM.

The Twenty-second Annual Session of the Imperial Council will be holden in the Masonic Temple, city of Cleveland, Ohio, on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 23 and 24, 1896, commencing at ten o'clock A.M.

The Headquarters of the Imperial Council will be at the Weddell House, where the Imperial Potentate, Imperial Treasurer and Imperial Recorder will have apartments for the transaction of business pertaining to their respective offices.

Representatives and other Nobles who desire hotel accommodations are requested to communicate with Past Imperial Potentate Noble Sam Briggs, 48 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, at an early date.

Potentates and Representatives are requested to file with the Imperial Recorder, at once, all papers relative to By-Laws, Appeals, Grievances, Reports, Amendments to the Constitution, etc., that the same may be in readiness for presentation to the proper committees.

Temples under dispensation will forward to the Imperial Potentate a report of all work done under dispensation, a copy of their By-Laws, and the dispensation under which they are working, that recommendation may be made to the Imperial Council.

COMMITTEES. — As required by the Constitution of the Imperial Council, the Imperial Potentate announces the appointment of the following Standing Committees: —

CREDENTIALS.

GEORGE H. WALKER	District Columbia.
HENRY C. AKIN	Nebraska.
FRANK T. GILBERT	New York.
A. B. KITTREDGE	South Dakota
WILLIAM JOHNSTON	Illinois.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

EDWARD B. JORDAN	Pennsylvania.
TREVANNION W. HUGO	Minnesota.
FRANK C. ROUNDY	Illinois.
WAYLAND TRASK	New York.
JOSEPH W. SMITH	Indiana.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

BENJAMIN F. NELSON	Missouri.
GEORGE F. WHITE	Iowa.
THOMAS WATERMAN	Massachusetts.
WILLIAM M. BAILEY	Michigan.
EDWARD W. WELLINGTON	Kansas.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

SARAM R. ELLISON	New York.
RICHARD P. MARVIN	Ohio.
MATTHEW R. WOLFF	West Virginia.
HUGH STIRLING	Connecticut.
ARTHUR M. GRANT	Utah.

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

REUBEN H. LLOYD	California.
ALLEN ANDREWS	Ohio.
CALEB SAUNDERS	Massachusetts.
CHARLES W. CUSHMAN	New York.
JOHN W. BOYLE	New York.

In accordance with the Standing Resolution of the Imperial Council, the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws will meet at the Weddell House, Cleveland, Ohio, "one day in advance of the meeting of the Imperial Council."

MILEAGE AND PAY OF REPRESENTATIVES.

GEORGE F. LODER	New York.
CHARLES E. FINK	Michigan.
GEORGE W. STARR	Maryland.
PETER J. FRELING	Kansas.
ALONZO F. VICK ROY	Colorado.

TRANSACTIONS OF IMPERIAL OFFICERS.

JOHN W. GEIGER	°	Iowa.
RICHARD LAMBERT		Louisiana.
LAUREN B. WHIPP		Vermont.
GEORGE W. MILLAR		New York.
FRANK J. BASSETT		Pennsylvania.

NECROLOGY.

WILLIAM RYAN		Kentucky.
LAWRENCE M. KNEPFY		Texas.
WILLIAM H. WALKER		Pennsylvania.
HENRY SCHNEIDER		New York.
ROLAND H. HARTLEY		Minnesota.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON JURISDICTION OF AHMED AND
RAMESES TEMPLES.

MORRIS L. BUCHWALTER		Ohio.
GEORGE H. BURNHAM		Rhode Island.
EUGENE S. ELLIOTT		Wisconsin.
FRANK RADER		California.
ARNOLD SHANKLIN		Missouri.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.—The following amendments to the Constitution and Law of the Imperial Council have been presented and will come before the Council for consideration and action, viz.:—

Amend Sect. 2 of Art. IV. in the second line by striking out "annual" and substituting "triennial." The article will then read as follows:—

Art. IV., Sect. 2. The officers shall be elected by ballot and by a majority vote, at each Triennial Session, and shall hold their office until their successors are elected and installed.

Amend Sect. 2 of Art. VIII. by striking out the words "ten thousand" in the last line, and substituting therefor the words "two thousand." The section will then read as follows:—

Art. VIII., Sect. 2. He shall collect and receive all the revenue of the Imperial Council, and pay over the amount to the Imperial Treasurer whenever the sum reaches the amount of one hundred dollars. Before entering upon the duties of his office he shall give a bond to the Imperial Potentate in the sum of two thousand dollars.

Amend Sect. 4 of Art. VIII., by striking out all in the first line, and inserting, "He shall make an annual report of his accounts in print,

the same to be sent to each Temple and each representative to the Imperial Council annually, and shall make a detailed report at each Triennial Session of the Imperial Council." The section will then read as follows:—

Art. VIII., Sect. 4. He shall make an annual report of his accounts in print, the same to be sent to each Temple and each representative to the Imperial Council, annually, and shall make a detailed report at each Triennial Session of the Imperial Council and also a summary of the returns of the Subordinate Temples, showing the number of the members of each; also the admissions, rejections, suspensions, expulsions, dismissions and deaths. He shall have his books, papers and accounts present at the opening of each Triennial Session prepared for examination by the Committee on Finance and Accounts; shall have in custody the Official Seal of the Imperial Council, and affix it to all official communications; notify the members of the Imperial Council of the Triennial and special sessions, and perform such other duties appertaining to his office as may be required; and at the expiration of his term of office deliver to his successor all books, papers or other property in his possession, belonging to the Imperial Council.

Amend Art. IX. in the twelfth line by striking out the word "annual" and inserting "triennial." The section will then read as follows:—

Art. IX. It is the duty of the Imperial Treasurer to attend all sessions of the Imperial Council with the books and papers of his office. He shall receive all moneys from the Imperial Recorder, giving his receipt therefor, and shall deposit the same in a national bank in the name of and subject to the order of this Imperial Council. He shall pay all orders authorized to be drawn on him by the Imperial Council; such orders to be signed by the Imperial Recorder and countersigned by the Imperial Potentate, and issued in payment of an appropriation or in accordance with an order previously made by the Imperial Council, and before entering upon the duties of his office, give his bond to the Imperial Potentate in the sum of twenty thousand dollars; and shall, at each Triennial Session, render a correct account of his receipts and disbursements; and at the expiration of his term of office he shall deliver to his successor all moneys, books, papers or other property that may be in his possession or under his control as Imperial Treasurer. He shall receive for his services the sum of one hundred dollars per annum.

Amend Sect. 1 of Art. XVI. by striking out all of Section 1 and substituting the following:—

Art. XVI., Sect. 1. The revenue of the Imperial Council shall be derived from the following sources:—

For every dispensation to form and open a new Temple there shall be required and paid one hundred dollars, which must accompany the application for the dispensation, and if the dispensation is refused the money shall be returned to the applicants, and if a charter is granted an additional sum of fifty dollars shall be paid before the charter is delivered.

Amend Article XXXIII. by striking out in the second paragraph all after the word "initiate" and substituting the words "shall be paid in accordance with Article XVI. of this Constitution." The paragraph will then read:—

"The initiation fee of two dollars for every initiate shall be paid in accordance with Article XVI. of this Constitution."

Amend Sect. 1 of Art. II. by striking out the word "annual" and substituting the word "triennial." The section will then read as follows:—

Art. II., Sect. 1. The Imperial Council shall meet triennially at such time and place as shall have been determined by a majority of the representatives at the previous session.

Amend Sect. 2 of Art. III. by striking out the word "annually" and inserting the word "triennially." The section will then read as follows:—

Art. III., Sect. 2. The representatives shall be chosen as follows: Each Temple shall triennially elect by ballot such representative or representatives as it shall be entitled to, and a certified record of such election shall be forwarded to the Imperial Recorder, which credential shall be countersigned by the Recorder of the subordinate Temple, who shall also affix the seal of the Temple thereto.

Amend Sect. 6 of Art. III. by striking out in the fifth line the words "that year" and substituting the words "the term ending May 1, next preceding the session of the Imperial Council"; also in the last line by striking out the word "year" and substituting the word "term." The section will then read as follows:—

Representatives shall be entitled to mileage and per diem expenses when in attendance at the sessions of the Imperial Council, and no representative or representatives, except Past Imperial Potentates, shall be entitled to mileage beyond the aggregate amount paid to the Imperial Council for the term ending May 1, next preceding the session of the Imperial Council, by such Temple as he or they represent, and no deficiency shall be chargeable to a succeeding term.

Amend Art. XXIV. by striking out the entire section and substituting the following:—

Art. XXIV. Prerequisites for the Order.

No application for the Order shall be received unless the applicant is a regular Knight Templar in good standing or a Thirty-second Degree Mason of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of the obedience of either of the Supreme Councils for the Northern or for the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction of such Rite in the United States, and those Supreme Councils which are in amity with and recognized by them. Each application for the Order shall be made upon the form of petition provided by the Imperial Council. To receive and ballot upon petitions at a SPECIAL MEETING, a Temple must apply for and receive a Special Dispensation from the Imperial Potentate authorizing them so to do, in which event the members of the Temple must receive due and timely notice of the proposed election of candidates under the said dispensation. The penalty for violation of this Article shall be the suspension of the charter of the Temple so offending until the next session of the Imperial Council.

Amend Sect. 2 of Art. IV. by striking out the entire section and substituting the following:—

Art. IV., Sect. 2. The first eight officers shall be elected by ballot and by a majority vote, at each Annual Session. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the Imperial Potentate and shall hold their office until their successors are elected, appointed and installed.

PARTICULAR NOTICE TO RECORDERS.

Do not forget that your returns must reach the Imperial Recorder before the 10th day of May, 1896. [See Cons., Art. XXXIII.]

Yours in the Faith,

CHAS. L. FIELD,
Imperial Potentate.

ATTEST:

B. W. ROWELL,
Imperial Recorder.

OPENING.

10.15 A.M., June 23, 1896.

The Imperial Council was called to order in Masonic Temple in the city of Cleveland, O., by the Imperial Potentate, Chas. L. Field, and after prayer by Rev. John W. Geiger, the Imperial Council was declared open in the Twenty-second Annual Session and in order for business.

ROLL OF TEMPLES CALLED.

The Roll of Temples was ordered called and all the Temples responded with the exception of Al Kader, El Kalah, El Zaribah, U.D., Naja and Yaarab.

WELCOME.

Noble Robert E. McKisson of Al Koran Temple and mayor of the city of Cleveland, was introduced to the Council by Noble Sam Briggs.

Noble McKisson extended to the Nobility, in behalf of the city of Cleveland, a cordial welcome, and extended the hospitalities of the city.

The Imperial Potentate Field called upon Noble John H. Atwood of Abdallah Temple, who responded in his usual happy manner.

Illustrious Sam Briggs then announced the program of entertainment for the visiting Nobles.

ROLL-CALL.

The Imperial Recorder proceeded to call the roll of Representatives, and the following were announced as present:—

ABDALLAH TEMPLE,
John H. Atwood.
Peter J. Freling.
Alfred B. Keller.

ACCA TEMPLE,
Fred Pleasants.
J. R. Charlton.

AFIFI TEMPLE,
George F. Hart.

AHMED TEMPLE,
LeRoy W. Midlam.

ALADDIN TEMPLE,
John P. McCune.
W. E. Joseph.

AL CHYMIA TEMPLE,
John W. Bailey.

ALEPPO TEMPLE,
Benjamin W. Rowell.
James A. Davis.
Thomas Waterman.
Caleb Saunders.

ALGERIA TEMPLE,
Richard Lockey.

ALHAMBRA TEMPLE,
Archibald N. Sloan.

AL KORAN TEMPLE,
Henry P. McIntosh.
Richard P. Marvin.
Arthur B. Foster.
Sam Briggs (*ad vitam*).

AL MALAIKAH TEMPLE,
Freeman G. Teed.

ALMAS TEMPLE,
Harrison Dingman.
George H. Walker.
Andrew W. Kelley.
Frank H. Thomas.

ARARAT TEMPLE,
Ethelbert F. Allen.
Arthur E. Pinkney.
J. D. Havens.
Arnold Shanklin.

BALLUT ABYAD TEMPLE,
Joseph H. Kuhns.

BEN HUR TEMPLE,
William H. Bell.

BOUMI TEMPLE,
George W. Starr.
Charles W. Hatter.
Wm. J. Cunningham.

CYPRUS TEMPLE,
Charles H. Armatage.
Thomas J. Bishop.

DAMASCUS TEMPLE,
George F. Loder.
Fred E. Shedd.
P. Kurtz Hill.

EL JEBEL TEMPLE,
Alonzo F. Vick Roy.
Thomas Nicholl.
R. H. Whiteley.
Albert B. McGaffey.

EL KAHIR TEMPLE,
John W. Geiger.
Charles H. French.
Austin D. Brown.
M. S. Rizer.

EL KATIF TEMPLE,
Henry L. Kennan.

EL RIAD TEMPLE,
A. B. Kittredge.
G. W. Burnside.
W. R. Burkholder.

EL ZAGAL TEMPLE,
Walter W. Smith.
W. C. McFadden.

HAMASA TEMPLE,
Charles S. Eastman.

HELLA TEMPLE,
Lawrence M. Knepfly.
George H. Green.

INDIA TEMPLE,
F. H. Reed.

IREM TEMPLE,
William L. Raeder.

ISIS TEMPLE,
Edw. W. Wellington.
John F. Merrill.
James A. Kimball.
Edw. A. Wharton.

ISLAM TEMPLE,
Charles L. Field.

ISMAILIA TEMPLE,
Frank T. Gilbert.
George L. Brown.
Erastus C. Knight.

JERUSALEM TEMPLE,
Richard Lambert.

KAABA TEMPLE,
George F. White.
John Soller.
George M. Titus.
Cyrus T. Darling.

KISMET TEMPLE,
Mills H. Landon.
Clarence E. Stamp.
Frank E. Mason.

KORA TEMPLE,
J. F. Babbitt.
Charles E. Libby.

KOREIN TEMPLE,
J. C. Davis.

KOSAIR TEMPLE,
William Ryan.

LU LU TEMPLE,
A. H. Woodward.
Edward B. Jordan.
Frederick Leibrandt.
Phillip C. Shaffer.

MECCA TEMPLE,
Saram R. Ellison.
George W. Millar.
James McGee.
Augustus W. Peters.

MEDIA TEMPLE,
W. B. Sessions.
Willis G. McCord.
Danford G. Eggleston.

MEDINAH TEMPLE,
Chester T. Drake.
Robert M. Johnson.
Frank C. Roundy.
William Johnston.

MOHAMMED TEMPLE,
George F. Henthorne.

MOILA TEMPLE,
Joseph S. Browne.
James W. Boyd.

MOOLAH TEMPLE,
Frederick A. Smith.
Benjamin F. Nelson.
George T. Matthews.
Otto F. Stifel.

MOROCCO TEMPLE,
Brigham H. Chadwick.

MOSLEM TEMPLE,
Wm. M. Bailey.
Ed. H. Harris.
Lou Burt.
Charles F. Beck.

MOUNT SINAI TEMPLE,
Alfred A. Hall,
Lauren B. Whipp.
Olin W. Daley.

MURAT TEMPLE,
John T. Brush.
Jos. W. Smith.
Henry H. McGaffey.
Chalmers Brown.

OASIS TEMPLE,
Walter S. Liddell.

ORIENTAL TEMPLE,
Henry Schneider.
J. Marshall Colcord.
Fred E. Wells.
David R. Clary.

OSMAN TEMPLE,
Wm. H. S. Wright.
Henry C. Hope.
Jas. F. Lawless.

OSIRIS TEMPLE,
Matthew R. Wolff.
J. C. Riheldaffer.

PALESTINE TEMPLE,
George H. Burnham.
Horace K. Blanchard.
Albert L. Anthony.
George L. Shepley.

PYRAMID TEMPLE,
Hugh Stirling.
Thaddeus B. Beecher.
Carleton E. Hoadley.
Charles W. Gale.

RAJAH TEMPLE,
J. Lew Rake.
George E. Haak.

RAMESES TEMPLE,
Henry A. Collins.

SAHARA TEMPLE,
John T. Marsh.

SALADIN TEMPLE,
Lou B. Winsor.
Charles E. Fink.
John A. Wolcott.
Jay D. Utley.

SALAAM TEMPLE,
G. D. Slanker.

SESOSTRIS TEMPLE, George H. Simmons. Fred J. Benedict.	TEBALA TEMPLE, George R. Atkinson.
SYRIA TEMPLE, William S. Brown. William H. Walker. James Kerr, Jr. Americus V. Holmes. Thos. J. Hudson (<i>ad vitam</i>).	TRIPOLI TEMPLE, William Reckmeyer. William H. Brazier.
SYRIAN TEMPLE, Levi C. Goodale. Jacob H. Bromwell. Morris L. Buchwalter. Allen Andrews. Wm. B. Melish (<i>ad vitam</i>).	ZAMORA TEMPLE, W. J. Pearce.
TANGIER TEMPLE, Henry C. Akin. E. A. Stevens. Ira O. Rhoades. Philip M. Rose.	ZEM ZEM TEMPLE, Frank G. Maus. Frank J. Bassett.
	ZIYARA TEMPLE, William H. Cloher, Jr. Jacob Schechl.
	ZURAH TEMPLE, John A. Schlener. Roland H. Hartley. J. B. Hudson.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their report as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

*To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council,
A.A.O.N.M.S.:*

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to submit the following report:—

Credentials in the proper form have been presented to the committee as to the following-named Nobles, and we recommend that they be received as representatives of their respective Temples and recognized active members of this session of the Imperial Council:

WALTER M. FLEMING	Member <i>ad vitam</i> .
SAM BRIGGS	" "
WM. B. MELISH	" "
THOS. J. HUDSON	" "

Abdallah Temple.

John H. Atwood.
 Peter J. Freling.
 Alfred B. Keller.

Acca Temple.

Fred Pleasants.
 J. R. Charlton.

Ajfi Temple.

George F. Hart.

Ahmed Temple.

LeRoy W. Midlam.

Aladdin Temple.

John P. McCune.
 W. E. Joseph.

Al Chymia Temple.

John W. Bailey.

Aleppo Temple.

Benjamin W. Rowell.
 James A. Davis.
 Thomas Waterman.
 Caleb Saunders.

Algeria Temple.

Richard Lockey.

Alhambra Temple.

Archibald N. Sloan.

Al Kader Temple.

C. F. Leavenworth.

Al Koran Temple.

Henry P. McIntosh.
 Richard P. Marvin.
 Arthur B. Foster.
 Andrew Squire.
 Sam Briggs (*ad vitam*).

Al Malaikah Temple.

Freeman G. Teed.
 Chas. Campbell.

Almas Temple.

Harrison Dingman.
 George H. Walker.
 Andrew W. Kelley.
 Frank H. Thomas.

Ararat Temple.

Ethelbert F. Allen.
 Arthur E. Pinkney.
 J. D. Haveus.
 Arnold Shanklin.

Ballut Abyad Temple.

Joseph H. Kuhus.

Ben Hur Temple.

William H. Bell.

Boumi Temple.

George W. Starr.
 Charles W. Hatter.
 Wm. J. Cunningham.

Cyprus Temple.

Charles H. Armatage.
 Thomas J. Bishop.

Damascus Temple.

George F. Loder.
 Fred E. Shedd.
 P. Kurtz Hill.

El Jebel Temple.

Alonzo F. Vick Roy.
 Thomas Nicholl.
 R. H. Whiteley.
 Albert B. McGaffey.

El Kalah Temple.

Arthur M. Grant.

El Kahir Temple.

John W. Geiger.
 Charles H. French.
 Austin D. Brown.
 M. S. Rizer.

El Katif Temple.

Henry L. Kennan.

El Riad Temple.

A. B. Kittredge.

G. W. Burnside.

W. R. Burkholder.

El Zagal Temple.

Walter W. Smith.

W. C. McFadden.

El Zaribah Temple.

(Not entitled to rep.)

Hamasa Temple.

Charles S. Eastman.

Hella Temple.

Lawrence M. Knepfly.

George H. Green.

Joseph Swope.

India Temple.

F. H. Reed.

Irem Temple.

William L. Raeder.

Isis Temple.

Edw. W. Wellington.

John F. Merrill.

James A. Kimball.

Edw. A. Wharton.

Islam Temple.

Charles L. Field.

Victor D. Duboce.

Reuben H. Lloyd.

Charles H. Paton.

Ismailia Temple.

Charles W. Cushman.

Frank T. Gilbert.

George L. Brown, M.D.

Erastus C. Knight.

Jerusalem Temple.

Richard Lambert.

Kaaba Temple.

George F. White.

John Soller.

George M. Titus.

Cyrus T. Darling.

Kismet Temple.

Mills H. Landon.

Clarence E. Stump.

Frank E. Mason.

Kora Temple.

J. F. Babbitt.

Charles E. Libby.

Korein Temple.

J. C. Davis.

Kosair Temple.

William Ryan.

Lu Lu Temple.

A. H. Woodward.

Edward B. Jordan.

Frederick Leibrandt.

Phillip C. Shaffer.

Mecca Temple.

Saram R. Ellison.

George W. Millar.

James McGee.

Augustus W. Peters.

Walter M. Fleming (*ad vitam*).

Media Temple.

W. B. Sessions.

Willis G. McCord.

Danford G. Eggleston.

Medinah Temple.

Chester T. Drake.

Robert M. Johnson.

Frank C. Roundy.

William Johnston.

Mohammed Temple.

George F. Henthorne.

Moila Temple.

Joseph S. Browne.
James W. Boyd.

Moolah Temple.

Frederick A. Smith.
Benjamin F. Nelson.
George T. Matthews.
Otto F. Stifel.

Morocco Temple.

Brigham H. Chadwick.

Moslem Temple.

Wm. M. Bailey.
Ed. R. Harris.
Lou Burt.
Charles F. Beck.

Mount Sinai Temple.

Alfred A. Hall.
Lauren B. Whipp.
Olin W. Daley.

Murat Temple.

John T. Brush.
Jos. W. Smith.
Henry H. McGaffey.
Chalmers Brown.

Naja Temple.

Daniel K. Dickenson.

Oasis Temple.

Walter S. Liddell.

Oriental Temple.

Henry Schneider.
J. Marshall Colcord.
Fred E. Wells.
David R. Clary.

Osman Temple.

Wm. H. S. Wright.
T. W. Hugo.
Henry C. Hope.
Jas. F. Lawless.

Osiris Temple.

Matthew R. Wolff.
J. C. Riheldaffer.
Lewis N. Tavenner.

Palestine Temple.

George H. Burnham.
Horace K. Blanchard.
Albert L. Anthony.
George L. Shepley.

Pyramid Temple.

Hugh Stirling.
Thaddeus B. Beecher.
Carleton E. Hoadley.
Charles W. Gale.

Rajah Temple.

J. Lew Rake.
George E. Haak.

Rameses Temple.

Henry A. Collins.

Sahara Temple.

John T. Marsh.

Salaam Temple.

G. D. Slanker.

Saladin Temple.

Lou B. Winsor.
Charles E. Fink.
John A. Wolcott.
Jay D. Utley.

Sesostris Temple.

George H. Simmons.
Charles E. Casey.
Fred J. Benedict.

Syria Temple.

William S. Brown.
William H. Walker.
James Kerr, Jr.
Americus V. Holmes.
Thomas J. Hudson (*ad vitam*).

Syrian Temple.

Levi C. Goodale.
Jacob H. Bromwell.
Morris L. Buchwalter.
Allen Andrews.
William B. Melish (*ad vitam*).

Tangier Temple.

Henry C. Akin.
E. A. Stevens.
Ira O. Rhoades.
Philip M. Rose.

Tebala Temple.

George R. Atkinson.

Tripoli Temple.

William Reckmeyer.
Luther L. Caufy.
William H. Brazier.

Yaarab Temple.

Henry C. Stockdell.

Zamora Temple.

W. J. Pearce.

Zem Zem Temple.

Frank G. Maus.
Frank J. Bassett.

Ziyara Temple.

John W. Boyle.
William H. Cloker, Jr.
Jacob Scheehl.

Zurah Temple.

John A. Schlener.
Roland H. Hartley.
J. B. Hudson.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. WALKER,
HENRY C. AKIN,
FRANK T. GILBERT,
A. B. KITTREDGE,
WM. JOHNSTON,
Committee.

The Imperial Potentate announced the following appointments to fill vacancies on committees:—

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

GEO. H. SHEPLEY,	<i>vice</i>	T. W. Hugo.
CLARENCE E. STUMP,	"	Wayland Trask.

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

J. C. DAVIS,	<i>vice</i>	Reuben H. Lloyd.
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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON JURISDICTION OF AHMED AND
RAMESES TEMPLES.

FRANK H. THOMAS,	<i>vice</i>	Eugene S. Elliott.
GEO. H. SIMMONS,	"	Frank Raeder.

ANNUAL ADDRESS
TO THE
Imperial Council and Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
BY
CHAS. L. FIELD, IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, June 23, 1896.

To the Imperial Council and to the Nobility of the Mystic Shrine throughout our Jurisdiction :

Once more we are convened in Annual Session to review the past and provide for the future. Less than ten months have passed since we parted at Nantasket, and the favorable conditions existing at that time have been verified in the experience since then. No wars or rumors of wars have sprung up in our ranks, and I am rejoiced to be able to truthfully report that the Black Camel, Death, has not visited any officer, past or present, of this Imperial Council. Allah be praised. We stand with ranks unbroken, shoulder to shoulder, ready to obey orders and to battle for the cause in which we are so deeply interested. No dissensions have arisen requiring interference by the Imperial Potentate, peace and harmony reigning supreme throughout the jurisdiction. For the second time in the history of this Imperial Council, we are called to deliberate and legislate under the protecting dome of Al Koran Temple, the twelfth session having been held here June 14, 1886, when that war-scarred veteran and prince of Nobles, Sam Briggs, was elected Imperial Potentate. At that time the entire membership of the Order was 4,938. Time has wrought its changes — gray hair, that indisputable evidence of age and experience, is more generally discernible, and the physical appearance of the Nobles composing the present Imperial Council exhibit additional intelligence, wisdom and interest in the success and prosperity of this Ancient Arabic Order. Nobles, I congratulate you, and welcome you to the 22d session of the Imperial Council.

The record of my official acts can be briefly told. The bonds of the Imperial Treasurer and Imperial Recorder were received and approved.

DISPENSATIONS

Have been issued to form and open new Temples at the following named places:—

Phoenix, Arizona, on Feb. 10, 1896, to be called "El Zaribah."

Hartford, Conn., on April 27, 1896, to be called "Sphinx."

An application for a new Temple at Boise City, Idaho, to be called El Korah Temple, has been in my hands for several months.

The consent of Algeria Temple at Helena, Montana, having been given, the representations regarding eligible material at hand being satisfactory, I made arrangements for instituting the new Temple when the parties in interest at Boise City should be ready. They have not as yet so expressed themselves, and no start has been given the new Temple. The petition and accompanying correspondence are submitted to the Imperial Council for its action.

Under date of Feb. 12, 1896, I received a communication from Edward F. Stahle, presenting arguments in favor of a new Temple being established at Cheyenne, Wyoming, to which I replied that as the Imperial Council will meet in Cleveland in June of this year, I advised that he apply to the Imperial Recorder for the necessary application blank, have it properly filled out, and through a representative who may be selected for the purpose, present it to the Imperial Council, when in session, for its decision.

During my term of office between three and four hundred special dispensations have been issued to the Temples granting permission to receive petitions and ballot on same the same evening, in accordance with Article XXIV. of the Constitution. Believing that in each case it would be for the interest of the Order in general, no refusal has been made to a request for that purpose.

In two instances, however, I have had occasion to decline granting dispensations for Temples to hold ceremonial sessions in unoccupied territory, believing the Constitution does not invest me with the power to issue such dispensations.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Contrary to my intention when installed, my visits, in person, to the Temples of the Order, have been few. Circumstances, beyond my control, have prevented the number from being greater, and in numerous instances I have been compelled to call on the services of a deputy to represent me. Frequent visits to Islam Temple, of which I am a member, have been made, and I can assure you the spirit of hospitality towards

visitors from other Temples is a marked feature at its sessions. Loyalty to the Imperial Council, harmony among its members, and good work at its ceremonial sessions, form the groundwork for the success that attends this Temple.

On one of my visits to Islam Temple, Jan. 8, 1896, among the names of those who had passed the secret ballot, was that of THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, the Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction.

In obedience to the request of the Ill. Potentate, I conferred the Order on him, and I desire to congratulate Islam Temple on having on its roster the name of so important a Masonic personage as the aforesaid Noble.

Feb. 7, 1896, accompanied by forty Nobles from Islam Temple, I called officially on Al Malaikah Temple at Los Angeles and was received and entertained in royal style. Witnessed the Order conferred on twenty candidates in a superior manner. The officers do their work well, and socially the members cannot be too highly commended. The Temple is in a healthy and flourishing condition.

Feb. 10, 1896, with sixty congenial spirits from Al Malaikah, I went to Phoenix, Arizona, and instituted El Zaribah Temple, U.D., under very favorable auspices. Thirty-five were transformed from poor sons of the desert into full-fledged Nobles, in a creditable manner, among whom were the Governor of the Territory, Supreme Court Judges, together with some of the choicest spirits of the land.

It will be recollected that at the last session of the Imperial Council the Committee, of which I was a member, reported adversely to granting a request for a new Temple at Phoenix, Arizona. On reaching home I investigated and found the statistics, on which that report was based, were erroneous, and believing it would be an act of justice to Phoenix and a benefit to our Order, I granted a dispensation for a new Temple at that place, to be called El Zaribah Temple.

Although this Temple is yet in its chrysalis, or U.D. transition, the members are veterans in the art of entertaining, and my first and only experience in their Oasis will be laid up in memory's chamber to form a recollection that in future years will be referred to with great pleasure.

"El Zaribah" starts out with flying colors and fair prospects. Since it was instituted, forty-five fine specimens of humanity from the profane world have been reclaimed and are now greeted as true and faithful Nobles of our realm. I take pleasure in recommending that a charter be granted El Zaribah Temple at this session of the Imperial Council.

On March 28, 1896, I pulled the latch string of Al Kader's tent at Portland, Oregon, was admitted, and found the officers and members at home. The Nobles of Al Kader are known far and wide for their

generous hospitality, and the record of this visit is no exception to their general reputation. The work was well done, and in strict conformity with the Ritual.

In this Temple is presented another evidence of the truth of the sentiment, when the Potentate is a Noble full of magnetism and enthusiasm, and being, in addition, progressive and a general favorite, the Temple is bound to go ahead and receive appreciation in the community where it is located. Such a Potentate is Noble Irving W. Pratt, and such a Temple is Al Kader. It has a promising future.

COMMISSIONS TO DEPUTIES.

October, 1895, I authorized the Imperial Recorder, Noble B. W. Rowell, to institute Irem Temple at Wilkes Barre, Pa., to which a charter was granted at the last session of the Imperial Council. His report is as follows:—

On the 15th day of October I repaired to Wilkes Barre, Pa., and instituted Irem Temple, with fifty-one charter members. They have a hall very nicely adapted for the purposes of the work, and from what I could observe their membership is composed of the best citizens of that district. I am informed that they have fifty or sixty applications, and you may expect them to make a record very soon.

Nov. 5, 1895, Noble Ethelbert F. Allen of Kansas City, was authorized to inspect Moila Temple at St. Joseph, Mo., which he did on 27th of November, 1895, returning the following report:—

I was received by the Nobles of Moila Temple with open arms and escorted to their Temple Hall, where, after a formal opening, the order was conferred upon sixteen aspirants in a creditable manner, the officers adapting the work of the new ritual in its every detail, after which the Nobles enjoyed a most elaborate banquet at one of the principal hotels of the city. All were full of enthusiasm, and peace and harmony prevailed.

The costumes, paraphernalia and hall of Moila Temple are in every respect suitable for attractive work. I deem it unnecessary to go into detail.

St. Joseph is one of the oldest and most cultured cities in the State of Missouri, being situated on the Missouri River, in the N.W. district of the State, with ample railway facilities for the accommodation of all the Nobles residing within the jurisdiction of "Moila." For years this city has been recognized as one of the strongholds of Masonry in the great Southwest, and to my mind there is no doubt but that Moila Temple will continue to prosper, as its territorial jurisdiction is densely populated and material ample to support and sustain a flourishing Temple.

I have visited no shrine where its individual membership represented a higher standard of hospitality and good fellowship than prevails among the Nobles of "Moila."

At my request, Noble B. W. Rowell inspected Palestine Temple, at Providence, R.I., Dec. 30, 1895, about which he writes as follows:—

On the evening of Monday, Dec. 30, 1895, accompanied by Nobles Albert L. Richardson and Joseph W. Work of Aleppo Temple, I visited Palestine Temple at Providence, R.I. I inspected the Temple, was favored by an exhibition of their rendition of the ritual, and installed their officers-elect for the year 1896.

Upon examination, I find their charter in an excellent state of preservation, their records neatly and handsomely engrossed, and their books and other matters pertaining to the official business of the Temple in regular order and in good condition. Upwards of two hundred members were present. Their rendering of the ritual was strictly correct and the officers performed their part of the ceremony with much dignity and ability.

I cannot speak too highly in commendation of the officers, not only for their gentlemanly deportment, but for their close attention to the ritual, and their observance at all times, not only during the work, but during the business portion of the session, to the interests of the Temple.

My report is that the Temple is in first-class condition, well officered, well equipped with paraphernalia, and in every way entitled to the respect of the community in which the Temple exists.

Noble James McGee of Mecca Temple, was selected to act as my Deputy in inspecting Acca Temple, which he did on 23d April last, reporting as follows:—

Accompanied by Illustrious Nobles S. R. Ellison, M.D., Charles G. Baxmar, Joseph E. Miller, E. D. Bemis, M.D., A. J. McCormack, Thomas Hillson and Washington L. Jaques (loyal souls of Mecca), as a body guard, we left the Oasis of New York on Wednesday evening, April 22. Early on the morning of the 23d, Thursday, our Caravan was "held up" by a couple of Arabs named Harrison Dingman and George H. Walker, at the Oasis of Washington; for nearly four hours we were kept as prisoners and agreeably and pleasantly tortured, after which we were again permitted to mount our camels, with our "skins" filled and our valuables intact, pursuing our pilgrimages southward to the Oasis of Richmond, where a delegation of the Nobles of Acca Temple, headed by their Potentate, Illustrious Noble Frank Cunningham, were awaiting our arrival, escorting us to their new hotel, the "Jefferson." In the evening we attended Acca's session, held in the beautiful Masonic Temple, where, in obedience to your expressed wish, I discharged the pleasant duty you assigned me. Your representative was accorded a royal and hospitable welcome to the Oasis of Richmond and the Temple of Acca by Illustrious Potentate Frank Cunningham, and greeted with assurances of the utmost esteem and of pronounced loyalty to the Imperial Council of our Order.

The Order was conferred upon a class of Novices, among whom was an Episcopal Dominie. It is with gratification and pleasure that I wish to speak in terms of the highest commendation of the work of Acca Temple, the zeal of the officers and devotion of the members to the Order's best interests. The staff is well versed in the Ritual, the Temple is possessed of a complete set of paraphernalia and costumes and they are doing excellent work. The opening ceremonies are largely beautified

through the services of a well drilled and uniformed Arab Patrol under command of Ill. Noble Everett. This feature has been but lately introduced.

The second section was very *impressive* and interesting, not alone to the Novices but the Nobles present. The opinion expressed by my body guard was that it paid to break away from home and make these little jaunts, for no matter how huge an opinion one may have of his own Temple and its ability to spring features new and interesting, one becomes convinced that "there are others" in the younger element that can give appreciated points to the more aged. It is the constant novelty that one meets with throughout the Shrine land and comparisons which tend to keep up the enthusiasm to fever pitch and draws the crowd.

The attendance was good and I am informed this is the usual condition of Acca's sessions. Potentate Cunningham is a general favorite, not alone in the Shrine and his Masonic affiliations, but throughout his native city. Acca's affairs are moving on prosperously; there is a general feeling of good will and a loyal devotion to the interests of the order throughout the Temple. The Veterans (among whom we noticed Illustrious Nobles Preston, Belvin, Louis P. Ecker, Fred Pleasants, W. H. Sands, George Street, James Capers and John Meyers) stand as ready as ever to perform any required service. The business end of the affairs of the Temple is managed with signal ability, a creditable advance has been made in membership, creditable alike in quantity and quality. This year Acca will have for the first time two Representatives to the Imperial Council in lieu of one as heretofore. It is true of Acca as of other Temples, her roster is replete with Nobles who are not alone prominent in Masonic circles, but the ministry, the judicial bench and high civic and political dignitaries here mingle and enjoy her assemblages.

At the conclusion of the work of the evening, we were escorted to the banquet hall, where the inner man was amply well provided for with solids and liquids. There was where it paid to come together, the interchange of thought, the companionships promoted, and fraternal friendships begun and extended; all were prophetic of co-operation in the workings of affairs, and the good fellowship which distinguishes us. Pleasantries passed in addresses by many of the Nobles, which were heartily enjoyed, and happy references made to our former visits to this Oasis. The newly made Nobles gave their *impressions* of what they passed through in order to become of the nobility. 'Twas early when we sought our couches in "The Jefferson." Every moment of time of our stay was pleasantly occupied, rides about this historic city to the many points of interest, inspecting tobacco factories, even unto a baseball game between the Richmond and Lynchburg teams of the State League. Acca's Nobles got on to the fact that we had several baseball enthusiasts in our party, and arranged to pamper to our weakness. It was to us an enjoyable treat, especially the excitable *rooting of the Richmond Nigger* against the home team. Courtesies continued until we mounted our camels for the homeward tramp, where we arrived Saturday A.M., April 25.

In conclusion, I am safe in assuring you that the Shrine in Virginia is not only upon a solid foundation, in good loyal hands, but in every way prosperous.

Our Imperial Chief Rabban, Noble Harrison Dingman, was authorized to inspect Mecca Temple. April 29th was the date selected, and this is his report:—

I left Washington at 10 A.M., on the day in question, accompanied by an escort of Nobles from Almas Temple (twenty-five in number) in charge of a special committee, consisting of Illustrious Noble George H. Walker, Past Potentate and Representative; Wm. Andrew Boyd, 1st Ceremonial Master, and Frank K. Raymond. On our arrival at New York at 3 P.M., we were met at the very border of the Oasis of Mecca Temple by a committee consisting of Nobles Charles A. Benedict, Chief Rabban; Saram R. Ellison, Recorder and Representative; James McGee, Representative; Charles G. Braxmar and others, and escorted to our hotel (the Park Ave.) where the usual exchange of courtesies were duly and regularly observed between the Nobility of Mecca and Almas.

At 7.30 P.M., the special committee from Mecca as above given, with several additions from their Temple, waited upon your Deputy and under their escort both he and the other Nobles from Almas were safely conducted to the Cathedral of A.A.S.R. 29th street and Madison avenue, where the Temple was already in session. At the proper time I was cordially received by that genial and Illustrious Potentate, Augustus W. Peters, with all the honors due to an officer of the Imperial Council and a special envoy and Deputy of the Imperial Potentate. A very large gathering filled the commodious hall in which Mecca holds her meetings, and I had the pleasure of witnessing the reception accorded to forty-four visiting Nobles who were making their first pilgrimage to Mecca Temple, and to see them (in accordance with their usual custom) decorated with the "Haji" badge. Fourteen Temples were represented in the above number of Nobles, viz.: Acca, Aleppo, Almas, Cyprus, Hella, Jerusalem, Kismet, Lu Lu, Mt. Sinai, Medinah, Oriental, Palestine, Pyramid, and Tripoli. This beautiful custom of presenting the badge is a part of the history of Mecca Temple, and makes each recipient feel a particular interest in, and have a strong desire at some early time to again present himself at the Shrine of Mecca—wearing his badge as evidence that he has fulfilled his vow and made pilgrimage once in his lifetime to Mecca.

The business portion of the session having been properly attended to, there was heard loud demands from without, and under order of Ill. Potentate Peters, thirty-four poor, wandering sons of the desert were introduced, and during a most impressive and delightful two hours' journey they were fully inducted into all the mysterious but solemn lessons which could not but help to make true and active Nobles of them all. The work in the second section of the Order was especially enjoyable to both candidates and Nobles, and particularly so to the many sojourners who were present from sister Temples. Praise without limit must be accorded to Ill. Noble Peters for the splendid rendition of the Potentate's work, and it is also pleasurable to make record of the fact that he was most efficiently assisted by the entire corps of officers, thus making it an evening of special delight to the large and appreciative gathering of Nobles, both from home and abroad. Each of the officers seemed to vie with the others to excel in the correct and proper manner of doing the work of their respective positions. While each of Ill. Potentate Peters' staff of officials worked with such zeal and perfection, it would be impossible to particularize, so I gladly accord equal credit to them all as a faithful, energetic, painstaking line of officials.

The robes worn by the officers are by far the most elaborate I have ever seen and I am sure I am perfectly safe in saying that they excel anything of the kind in use by any Temple of the Mystic Shrine in any part of the world, wherever assembled. All of the paraphernalia was in

good order and in perfect harmony with the correct and smooth work of the evening.

In the inspection of the books and records of the Recorder, Ill. Noble Saram R. Ellison (which, by the way, was done on the day following the meeting of the Temple), I was gratified to observe a most perfect system in all of the various details, no missing books or papers, everything from the first meeting of the organization of Mecca Temple on June 16, 1871, up to the present time has been gathered together and so perfectly arranged that any document can be produced at a moment's notice. I cite one fact to show the work which this indefatigable Noble has given to his office: he has secured and has in books numerically arranged, every petition ever presented to Mecca Temple, and the last one of the class of April 29 has reached the number of 3,386. So thorough has been the labor of Noble Ellison and so pleased was I at his great love for his work, that the hours spent with him in his "den" in this examination seemed as but a few moments; and I wish to take this opportunity through you, as the official head of the Order, to congratulate Mecca Temple on having just the right man in the right place. Mecca Temple closed her session of the 29th ult. with 2,637 Nobles in good standing, and with \$15,299.45 in the Treasury. In this inspection of the officials I missed Ill. Noble George W. Millar, for many years Treasurer and Representative, and learned that he had sailed for Europe with his family only a few days prior to this meeting. Noble Millar is one of the charter members of Mecca Temple and well and favorably known to every one of the officials of the Imperial Council.

After the session of Mecca had closed, not only myself but the escort from Almas Temple were taken in charge by the officers of the Temple and escorted to the "Murray Hill Hotel," where several hours were spent in the enjoyment of a most agreeable menu, embracing many articles and viands delightful to the taste and enlivening to the spirits.

As your representative, I was called upon to speak for the Imperial Council and the Imperial Potentate, both at the session of the Temple and at the banquet, but whether to the satisfaction of the listeners I leave them to decide. Sufficient to say I did the best I could for the Order which I was so proud to represent. Many instructive and interesting remarks were made by the several Nobles in response to the various sentiments so delightfully brought to their attention by Ill. Noble Peters. Modesty forbids me to cite the early hour at which this truly enjoyable party broke up, but all agreed that Mecca Temple knows how to entertain in princely style.

In closing this report I feel that I would be remiss in my duty did I not take this opportunity to return to Ill. Nobles Peters, Benedict, Ellison, McGee, Eakins, Heyser, Braxmar and others my thanks for special efforts to make my visit to Mecca Temple one long to be remembered.

Noble Thaddeus B. Beecher of Bridgeport, Conn., was designated to institute Sphinx Temple, U.D., at Hartford, Conn.; April 27, 1896. This is his report:—

In accordance with your instructions I visited Hartford, Conn., on Monday, 27th April, and instituted Sphinx Temple, under dispensation. The new Temple begins its existence under very favorable circumstances, being provided with everything necessary for a complete rendition of the Ritual. The Order of the Shrine was conferred on a class of thirty-one

candidates in a manner which would be creditable to any Temple in the United States. The Recorder informed me that he has the signatures of one hundred and seventy-five Nobles who desire to become members of the new Temple.

In view of the foregoing favorable report of Noble Beecher, I recommend that a charter be granted Sphinx Temple at this session.

Imperial Outer Guard, Noble Horace K. Blanchard of Providence, R.I., inspected Kora Temple, May 28, 1896, and reports in these words:

In compliance with the pleasant duty assigned me in your communication of May 6, requesting me as your Deputy to inspect Kora Temple, located at Lewiston, Maine, on the 28th inst., accompanied by Ill. A. A. Sammis, Potentate of Palestine Temple, Nobles Richardson and Oldham, we invaded their domain, and received a most cordial welcome and reception from the Illustrious Potentate, Noble J. F. Babbitt and the Nobles of Kora Temple.

I am happy to report that, although this Temple was instituted but four years ago with seventeen members, today it has a membership of three hundred and twenty-five, with a beautiful Temple of their own, in which no meetings are held other than for Shrine purposes. The walls are elaborately painted, representing scenes from Arabian life, their costumes are elegant, and they are well supplied with all the paraphernalia requisite to a full and complete rendition of our ancient ceremonies.

The exemplification of the ritual was perfect in every respect, complete in detail, and rendered in an extremely impressive manner. Their choir of chanters added much to the beauty and impressiveness of the ceremonies. Their records are a model of neatness, and seldom are records found in any body, which show the time and care that is evidenced in those of Noble Bearce.

At the close of the ceremonies we repaired to the spacious banquet hall, with a seating capacity of over three hundred, where an hour or more was spent in a most enjoyable time, parting in the early morning hours, all well satisfied that Kora Temple had given the Nobles present a delightful time from beginning till ending.

The members of Kora Temple may well be proud of the magnificent record they have made in the few years of their existence, of their beautiful temple in its completeness, showing a master hand in its conception, and excelled by few, if any, Temples in the country. In Kora Temple the Imperial Council has one of its brightest jewels.

DECISIONS.

Quite a number of questions have been asked, requiring, for decision, an interpretation of the "Constitution and Law" of the Imperial Council. As there seems to be a variance of opinion on the subject, and deeming it for the best interest of the Order, I have selected the most important of them to present to this Imperial body for its consideration and final ruling. The questions and my answers are as follows:

Question. Can a Noble dimit from his Commandery or Scottish Rite and still hold membership with us?

Answer. Yes, so long as he keeps himself in good standing as a K.T. or 32° Mason, under the laws of the jurisdiction in which they exist, while carrying the dimit.

Question. If a Noble be suspended for non-payment of dues in the Shrine, can he be reinstated if he is not a member of a Commandery or Scottish Rite (having lost his membership in these bodies by dimit, or at his request dropping his name, or by suspension for dues)?

Answer. If his name be dropped from the roll, or he be suspended for non-payment of dues as a K.T. or 32° Mason, No. If he be out on dimit from either body, so long as he keeps himself in good standing as a K.T. or 32° Mason under the laws of the jurisdiction in which they exist, Yes.

Question. If he be suspended for some definite time by his Lodge (for dues or other causes) and the upper bodies do not take any notice of it, can we?

Answer. The law requires all members of Temples to keep themselves in good standing in the bodies prerequisite to this Order, and it is presumable *that* is as far back as the officers of a Temple are supposed to go.

Question. What notice are we to accept that a member has lost his membership in the prerequisite bodies?

Answer. The Recorder or Commander of those bodies, or, in case, of their refusal, the statement of any member of that prerequisite body, made, as a Noble, of his own knowledge.

Question. If we proceed to suspend members in accordance with your decision, and they are both 32° and K.T., and claim they are O.K. in either Commandery or Consistory — will that hold them?

Answer. Being both K.T. and 32° Masons they must keep in good standing in *both* those bodies to retain their standing in the Temple.

Question. Suppose the Noble has joined a Consistory or Commandery since he went into the shrine and has been suspended from either, would that affect him? Or do we go entirely by the prerequisites as they existed when he entered our Order, and as he put them on his proposition blank, and have nothing to do with what he has since done?

Answer. His standing in the Temple would be affected all the same, whether he be suspended from a prerequisite body that he belonged to at

the time he entered, or one that he had joined since. It makes no difference. He is required to keep himself in good standing in the prerequisite bodies to which he belongs.

Where two Temples hold concurrent jurisdiction over a State or Territory, the consent of both will be necessary to accompany the petition of an applicant of that jurisdiction to become a member of a Temple in another jurisdiction.

A Noble who applies for a dimit is not required to give a reason for making the request. If he be clear on the books and not under suspension for non-payment of dues, or charges of unmasonic conduct in either of the bodies prerequisite to this Order, he is certainly entitled to a dimit, and, in my opinion, it is not within the province of the Temple to refuse the same.

All eligible material in unoccupied territory can apply for membership to any Temple in the jurisdiction.

A duly elected representative to the Imperial Council, although not a resident of the jurisdiction of the Temple of which he is a member, if he be within the jurisdiction of the Imperial Council, can legally act as such representative.

A member of a chartered Temple signs an application for a new Temple, in the dispensation for which his name appears. The question is asked, to which Temple does he belong? I answered, his membership in the old Temple is suspended while the new Temple is under dispensation, and unless he gives notice to the new Temple in writing, or personally in open session, at or before the surrender of the dispensation and the granting of a charter to the new Temple, of his intention to resume his former membership, he is a member of the new Temple.

A ballot is taken on a candidate and three black balls appear. Another ballot is immediately had and three black balls again appear, whereupon he is declared rejected. After the announcement by the Potentate of the rejection of the candidate, a third ballot, in my opinion, is illegal and void.

AMENDMENTS SUGGESTED.

During my term of office I have had occasion to study the "Constitution and Law of the Imperial Council" quite thoroughly, and in some instances, to be consistent with itself, slight changes should be made.

Article XXIII., Section 2, reads, "The Potentate, Chief Rabban and Assistant Rabban cannot resign after having been duly elected *and installed.*"

Article XXXII. reads, "In the event of the resignation of any officer or Representative, the Temple may elect a successor without special dispensation for that purpose, provided notice is given the members of the Temple that said election will be held."

Would it not be well to insert in parenthesis after the word officer, the words "except the Potentate, Chief Rabban and Assistant Rabban," thereby making the two sections consistent with each other?

Finding that the form of "Petition for initiation and membership" as prescribed, does not wholly conform to the requirements of the Constitution, I respectfully submit the accompanying amended form for your consideration.

A difference of opinion has been expressed with regard to the intended meaning of the word *offense*, as used in Article XXX., Section 4, of the Constitution. It is held by some that suspension for non-payment of dues in a body prerequisite to this Order is not such an offense as would make this Section applicable. I have been appealed to for a ruling, and I have given this: Non-payment of dues, and unmasonic conduct, may both be punished by suspension, which means suspension from all the rights and privileges of Masonry. The definition of the word *offense* is given as, "the transgression of any law, human or divine." It is conceded that unmasonic conduct, punished by suspension, is an offense. Requiring dues to be paid is a human law, and the non-payment of them is a transgression or violation of that human law which is an offense. Can it be that in one case it is an offense and means nothing? I am not prepared to believe this Imperial Council will sustain such a distinction. The fact that one Imperial Potentate may render a decision one way, and another in the opposite manner, is deemed a provocation sufficient to warrant me in bringing the matter to your notice for final action.

CHARITIES.

In considering the subject of dispensing charity to the poor, by the different Temples, I realize how limited is my command of the English language to fully and properly express the feelings I entertain in commendation of what has been done, as well as what is in the power of the Order to accomplish in this direction.— "*The poor ye have with you always*," is a saying that has been handed down to us from remote antiquity, and the truth of it seems to be more and more apparent with each succeeding generation. While our Order was not established with charity as one of the fundamental principles to govern it, yet it is a matter of record that much good has been accomplished, suffering relieved, the hungry fed and the needy assisted, by the true Nobility thereof. Different Temples have adopted different means to this end, and while all are to be highly commended, I desire to segregate and speak of the method adopted by Mecca Temple, which I would like to see adopted by every Temple in the jurisdiction. The greatest assistance you can render and the greatest charity you can bestow on a worthy Noble, is to obtain for him employment, by which he can earn money to support and

educate these dependent upon him. He will accept such a tender with heartfelt gratitude, while perhaps his innate pride might prompt him to decline the offer of coin, even though he be on the point of starvation.

Nobles, you who are the Representatives of your respective Temples and regarded as the guiding spirits of its affairs, let me urge upon you the important results that may follow the carrying out of this suggestion. Take the matter in hand, investigate, and if you act promptly and with energy, I prophesy the benefits resulting therefrom will exceed your most sanguine anticipations.

At the last session of the Imperial Council the Committee on "Time and place of next meeting" selected Cleveland, Ohio, as the place, and June 16, 1896, as the time. The first call for the session was issued February 10, naming the date mentioned. In due time it was announced that the National Republican Convention would be holden in St. Louis, commencing on the same day, 16th June. Immediately the atmosphere was charged with electrical dissatisfaction, requests coming from the four quarters of the jurisdiction to have the date of the Imperial session changed. In order to satisfy myself regarding the feeling, a circular was sent to every Representative, requiring the answer "yes" or "no," to the question, "Are you in favor of postponing the next session of the Imperial Council at Cleveland, Ohio, from June 16, 1896, to June 23, 1896?" Like carrier pigeons hurrying to the home nest, replies came, chasing each other, and when the count was taken, only fifteen were in favor of sticking to the original text. Finding the sentiment to be so universal throughout the jurisdiction, and believing the interests of the Order would be subserved thereby, under date of March 6, 1896, another circular was issued announcing the change of date to June 23.

I respectfully request that my action in this matter be approved by the Imperial Council.

It gives me pleasure to report that no case has come to my knowledge requiring the Committee on "Grievances and Appeals" to sit in judgment. This augurs well for the peace and harmony that reign throughout the jurisdiction, and I venture the assertion that the application of a "cathode ray" will fail to discover the slightest symptoms of the reign of dissension or discord.

The report of the Imperial Recorder will assure you, on the last official returns of the Temples, that the Order throughout the jurisdiction is prosperous and numerically on the increase, and this too, notwithstanding the continued prevalence of the chronic cry of "hard times." From all quarters have come words of encouragement and cheer, relative to the condition of the Order at the present time, from which we are led to believe the future is full of hope and satisfaction. I congratulate you on the pleasing prospect, and assure you that I heartily join you in full appreciation of the encouraging future.

While on the subject of the Shrine and its prosperity, I desire to advance the idea that to the prerequisite bodies of Masonry we look for material to increase our numbers, and it behooves us, at our banquets as well as on all other occasions, to be so circumspect in acts and words that no adverse criticism may emanate from those bodies. I do not wish to detract from the gentlemanly enjoyment of any Noble, and yet I desire to impress on the minds of all Nobles the importance of preserving the integrity and dignity of the Shrine.

After the close of the last session of the Imperial Council at Nantasket Beach, I journeyed to my boyhood home in Maine, and on the 7th day of September, 1895, the Nobles of Kora Temple, Oasis of Lewiston, tendered me a banquet, at which I had the pleasure of meeting some of the companions of my earlier years. Old-time friendships were revived, and old-time scenes were reproduced on memory's canvas, to the mutual enjoyment of all. I found the Nobles of Kora Temple loyal to the Order, enthusiastic in the cause, and united in the interest and prosperity of the Temple. The cordial and hospitable character of the entertainment was only the voluntary outpourings of great, generous hearts. May they long live to enjoy their friends and the prosperity of their Temple.

And in this connection I desire to mention the favors of the same nature bestowed upon me at different times by those whole-souled Nobles comprising the divan of Mecca, Damascus, Ismailia and Medinah Temples.

My heartfelt thanks are extended to those Nobles who so successfully stored away in my memory's storehouse the pleasing incidents that transpired on those occasions.

All letters received, as well as the copy book of all letters sent during my term of office, are herewith presented, and at the disposal of the Imperial Council during its session.

Before returning to you the authority with which you invested me at our last session, I desire to tender my sincere thanks for the honor which, at that time, you conferred on me, and promise that when the labors of this session shall be over, and I resume the position and title of *plain Noble*, my interest in the welfare and success of the Order will be equally great with that felt while acting in my present official capacity, and I will be ever ready and willing to do anything and everything in my power to promote the furtherance of our noble cause.

In this connection, permit me to thus publicly express my thanks for the friendly co-operation and assistance of my *confreres*, the officers of the Imperial Council.

Having come more directly and frequently in official contact with the Recorder, I deem it my duty, as it certainly is my pleasure, to speak of him as I have found him, thoroughly competent as a Recorder, accommodating and agreeable in the discharge of his duties, always at

his post and prompt in his work. In a few words, I regard Imperial Noble Rowell as the "right man in the right place."

Trusting that the labors of this session of the Imperial Council may be attended to and concluded for the best interests of the Order, and with dispatch, we will now enter upon the business for which we are called together.

CHAS. L. FIELD,
Imperial Potentate.

On motion of Noble Burnham, the address was referred to the Committee on Transactions of Imperial Officers.

The Imperial Recorder read his report as follows:—

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE IMPERIAL RECORDER.

CLEVELAND, O., June 23, 1896.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council:

Your Imperial Recorder respectfully submits the following report of the transactions of his office for the year from May 1, 1895, to April 30, 1896:—

IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

From the reports of the various Temples in this jurisdiction and from the credentials received at this office, there are at the present time:—

No. of <i>ad vitam</i> members	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
" Emeritus members	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
" Active members	.	.	.	.	.	.	178
Total	.	.	.	.	.	.	186

TEMPLES.

No. of Temples chartered to date	.	.	.	.	.	72
" " under dispensation	.	.	.	.	.	2
Total	.	.	.	.	.	74

REPORTS OF TEMPLES.

From May 1, 1895, to April 30, 1896, inclusive.

The reports which have been received from the various Temples are given in the table herewith:—



Ed. M. Powell

IMPERIAL RECORDER

Report of Temples to May 1, 1896.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	LOCATION.	Membership Dec. 31, 1895.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Created.	Affiliated and Restored.	Charter Members.	Membership May 1, 1896.
April 30, 1896	Abdallah	Leavenworth, Kan.	481	5	29	...	...	33	20	...	482
" 30, 1896	Acca	Richmond, Va.	296	5	4	2	...	48	5	...	310
" 30, 1896	Afifi	Tacoma, Wash.	183	1	1	3	...	24	...	...	202
" 30, 1896	Ahmed	Marquette, Mich.	147	...	2	...	...	30	8	...	133
" 30, 1896	Aladdin	Columbus, O.	285	2	...	...	...	69	1	...	353
" 30, 1896	Al Chymia	Memphis, Tenn.	117	...	6	8	...	36	...	...	139
" 30, 1896	Aleppo	Boston, Mass.	2574	26	48	66	...	302	1	...	2736
" 30, 1896	Algeria	Helena, Mont.	235	3	6	4	...	12	1	...	235
" 30, 1896	Alhambra	Chattanooga, Tenn.	108	...	2	...	...	15	16	...	181
" 30, 1896	Al Kader	Portland, Ore.	198	2	...	...	...	20	...	...	216
" 30, 1896	Al Koran	Cleveland, O.	138	13	4	11	...	118	4	...	775
" 30, 1896	Al Malalkah	Los Angeles, Cal.	681	3	...	...	...	59	4	...	394
" 30, 1896	Almas	Washington, D.C.	334	4	3	12	...	85	8	...	735
" 30, 1896	Ararat	Kansas City, Mo.	661	5	3	...	1	102	14	...	769
" 30, 1896	Ballut Abyad	Albuquerque, N.M.	662	1	...	...	...	61	...	...	128
" 30, 1896	Ben Hur	Austin, Tex.	58	2	1	...	...	22	...	...	247
" 30, 1896	Boumi	Baltimore, Md.	228	4	6	8	...	46	4	...	431
" 30, 1896	Cyprus	Albany, N.Y.	399	1	...	...	...	46	...	...	419
" 30, 1896	Damascus	Rochester, N.Y.	374	2	3	14	...	47	2	...	546
" 30, 1896	El Jemel	Denver, Col.	516	12	9	29	1	68	5	...	792
" 30, 1896	El Kalah	Salt Lake City, U.	770	1	6	9	...	17	4	...	162
" 30, 1896	El Kahir	Cedar Rapids, Ia.	157	9	6	3	1	151	3	...	1271
" 30, 1896	El Katif	Spokane, Wash.	1136	3	...	6	...	52	1	...	203
" 30, 1896	El Riad	Sioux Falls, S.D.	159	8	12	2	1	23	...	...	458
" 30, 1896	El Zagal	Fargo, N.D.	458	2	...	...	...	45	46	...	385
" 30, 1896	El Zaribah	Phoenix, Arizona	340	...	...	...	...	45	...	...	531
" 30, 1896	Hamasa	Meridian, Miss.	...	1	...	2	...	33	1	...	124
" 30, 1896	Hella	Dallas, Tex.	93	8	5	1	...	27	3	...	493
" 30, 1896	India	Oklahoma, O.T.	477	1	...	5	...	34	1	...	99
" 30, 1896	Irem	Wilkes Barre, Pa.	70	1	...	...	...	73	...	55	127
" 30, 1896	Isis	Salina, Kan.	...	...	6	20	4	107	9	...	610
" 30, 1896	Islam	San Francisco, Cal.	524	...	...	1	...	68	...	...	674
" 30, 1896	Ismailia	Buffalo, N.Y.	615	8	4	36	...	85	5	...	836
" 30, 1896	Jerusalem	New Orleans, La.	797	11	...	...	...	17	...	...	151
" 30, 1896	Kaaba	Davenport, Ia.	139	2	1	2	...	234	1	...	924
" 30, 1896	Kismet	Brooklyn, N.Y.	720	6	16	9	...	80	1	...	606
" 30, 1896	Kora	Lewiston, Me.	550	12	4	9	...	63	1	...	318
" 30, 1896	Korein	Rawlins, Wyo.	256	2	...	...	...	18	4	...	74
" 30, 1896	Kosair	Louisville, Ky.	53	...	5	2	12	72	...	...	285
" 30, 1896	Kosair	Philadelphia, Pa.	232	...	27	47	76	163	...	...	2326
" 30, 1896	Lu Lu	New York, N.Y.	2315	41	17	...	2	306	12	...	2637
" 30, 1896	Mecca	Watertown, N.Y.	2378	5	...	6	1	51	2	...	430
" 30, 1896	Media	Chicago, Ill.	388	18	38	134	...	312	25	...	2254
" 30, 1896	Medinah	Peoria, Ill.	2107	...	2	...	...	86	3	...	284
" 30, 1896	Mohammed	St. Joseph, Mo.	197	6	9	5	...	125	2	...	353
" 30, 1896	Molla	Jacksonville, Fla.	246	7	9	32	...	94	3	...	608
" 30, 1896	Moolah	Detroit, Mich.	559	2	2	...	...	25	...	...	79
" 30, 1896	Morocco	Montpelier, Vt.	58	1242	13	8	34	122	1	...	1310
" 30, 1896	Mt. Sinai	Indianapolis, Ind.	372	5	...	...	...	75	1	...	443
" 30, 1896	Murat	Deadwood, S.D.	647	3	9	5	...	52	2	...	684
" 30, 1896	Naja	Charlotte, N.C.	96	1	2	...	...	38	...	...	96
" 30, 1896	Oasis	Troy, N.Y.	49	5	...	...	...	111	...	...	76
" 30, 1896	Oriental	Wheeling, W. Va.	550	3	2	...	...	95	...	...	656
" 30, 1896	Osiris	Providence, R.I.	400	10	10	11	...	30	16	...	490
" 30, 1896	Osman	Bridgeport, Conn.	595	10	4	41	...	73	...	...	610
" 30, 1896	Palestine	Reading, Pa.	669	982	...	...	...	123	1	...	887
" 30, 1896	Pyramid	Toronto, Can.	286	4	20	2	...	27	1	...	1091
" 30, 1896	Rajah	...	184	...	2	5	...	...	...	...	389
" 30, 1896	Rameses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	205
Carried forward			30472	349	385	609	7	4538	163	63	33867

Report of Temples to May 1, 1896.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	LOCATION.	Membership Dec. 31, 1895.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Created	Affiliated and Restored.	Charter Members.	Membership May 1, 1896.
	<i>Brought forward</i>		30472	349	385	609	7	4538	163	63	33867
April 30, 1896	Sahara	Pine Bluff, Ark.	178	1	1			43			219
" 30, 1896	Salaam	Olney, Ill.	49								49
" 30, 1896	Saladin	Grand Rapids, Mich.	858	7	23	1		71	2		900
" 30, 1896	Sphinx	Hartford, Conn.						81		43	74
" 30, 1896	Sesostris	Lincoln, Neb.	480	12	2			28			504
" 30, 1896	Syria	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1068	6	6	4		117	2		1171
" 30, 1896	Syrian	Cincinnati, O.	1255	6	1			157			1405
" 30, 1896	Tangier	Omaha, Neb.	639	4	1	4		42	7		679
" 30, 1896	Tebala	Rockford, Ill.	193	3	5			24			209
" 30, 1896	Tripoli	Milwaukee, Wis.	509	3	5			49	2		552
" 30, 1896	Yaarab	Atlanta, Ga.	224	3	1	39		24			221
" 30, 1896	Zamora	Birmingham, Ala.	113	3	3			24			131
" 30, 1896	Zem Zem	Erie, Pa.	291		2	1		76	3		367
" 30, 1896	Ziyara	Utica, N.Y.	530	8	4			49			567
" 30, 1896	Zuhrah	Minneapolis, Minn.	493	2	6		1	110	6		600
		Totals,	37352	397	445	658	8	5399	185	106	41515

RECAPITULATION.

Membership May 1, 1895	37,352
Died	397
Dimitted	445
Suspended	658
Expelled	8
	<u>1,508</u>
Total	35,844
Initiated	5,399
Restored and affiliated	185
Charter members new Temples	106
	<u>5,690</u>
Total membership April 30, 1896	41,534
Less errors made by Recorders in last year's returns	19
Total membership	41,515
A gain of	4,163

The receipts of my office have been as per the following tables: —

RECEIPTS.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensations.	TOTALS.
June 17, 1895	Abdallah		\$34 00				
June 25, 1895	"		20 00				
Nov. 26, 1895	"		22 00				
Dec. 12, 1895	"			\$1 00			
April 6, 1896	"		14 00				
May 20, 1896	"	\$50 00					\$141 00
Mar. 30, 1896	Acca		2 00				
May 15, 1896	"	40 00	136 00				178 00
Dec. 24, 1895	Afifi		4 00				
May 19, 1896	"	30 00	44 00				78 00
June 22, 1895	Ahmed		36 00				
Jan. 17, 1896	"		22 00				
April 9, 1896	"		2 00				
April 21, 1896	"	20 00					80 00
Nov. 29, 1895	Aladdin		82 00				
May 11, 1896	"	40 00	56 00				178 00
May 8, 1895	Aleppo		248 00				
Oct. 1, 1895	"		166 00				
Dec. 16, 1895	"		114 00				
Feb. 27, 1896	"		74 00				
Mar. 20, 1896	"	280 00	2 00				884 00
Dec. 27, 1895	Algeria		24 00				
May 4, 1896	"	30 00					54 00
May 7, 1896	Alhambra	20 00	32 00				52 00
Dec. 11, 1895	Al Kader		34 00				
April 28, 1896	"	30 00	40 00				104 00
July 8, 1895	Al Koran		44 00				
Oct. 23, 1895	"		72 00				
Dec. 3, 1895	"			1 00			
Dec. 12, 1895	"			1 00			
Jan. 15, 1896	"		52 00				
April 14, 1896	"		68 00				
April 21, 1896	"	80 00					318 00
Feb. 24, 1896	Al Malaikah		104 00				
May 4, 1896	"	40 00	14 00				158 00
Nov. 27, 1895	Almas		52 00				
Jan. 16, 1896	"		34 00				
Mar. 26, 1896	"		30 00				
May 18, 1896	"	80 00	54 00				250 00
May 12, 1896	Al Chymia	20 00	72 00				92 00
June 24, 1895	Ararat		10 00				
Aug. 19, 1895	"		22 00				
Dec. 21, 1895	"		48 00				
Mar. 28, 1896	"		30 00	1 00			
April 27, 1896	"		94 00				
May 2, 1896	"	80 00					285 00
June 18, 1895	Ballut Abyad		38 00				
Nov. 18, 1895	"		24 00				
Dec. 14, 1895	"		10 00				
Mar. 22, 1896	"		34 00				
April 8, 1896	"		16 00				
May 13, 1896	"	20 00					142 00
Jan. 13, 1896	Ben Hur				10 00		
Feb. 5, 1896	"			5 00			
Feb. 21, 1896	"	30 00	26 00				
May 9, 1896	"		18 00				89 00
June 10, 1895	Boumi		20 00				
Nov. 11, 1895	"		20 00				
Dec. 4, 1895	"		4 00				
Feb. 4, 1896	"		28 00				
April 4, 1896	"		2 00				
Carried forward,		\$890 00	\$2,248 00	\$9 00	\$10 00		\$3,083 00

Receipts — Continued.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diplomas Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensations.	Totals.
	<i>Brought forward</i>	\$8,900 00	\$2,248 00	\$9 00	\$10 00		\$3,083 00
May 5, 1896	Boumi.....	50 00	18 00				142 00
Dec. 24, 1895	Cyprus.....		48 00				
May 18, 1896	".....	50 00	44 00				142 00
May 18, 1896	Damascus.....	60 00	94 00				154 00
July 1, 1895	El Jebel.....		38 00				
Oct. 10, 1895	".....		16 00				
Jan. 1, 1896	".....			1 00			
Feb. 28, 1896	".....		42 00				
May 8, 1896	".....	80 00	40 00				217 00
July 15, 1895	El Kalah.....		34 00				
May 8, 1896	".....	20 00					54 00
Sept. 24, 1895	El Kahir.....			1 00			
Oct. 10, 1895	".....		32 00				
Oct. 29, 1895	".....		46 00	1 00			
Dec. 2, 1895	".....		82 00				
Dec. 16, 1895	".....		34 00				
Feb. 6, 1896	".....		40 00				
April 13, 1896	".....		68 00				
May 2, 1896	".....	130 00					434 00
May 30, 1895	El Katif.....		22 00				
Nov. 25, 1895	".....		18 00				
Mar. 20, 1896	".....		32 00				
May 13, 1896	".....	30 00	22 00				
May 25, 1896	".....		10 00				134 00
Oct. 11, 1895	El Riad.....		46 00				
Dec. 18, 1895	".....			1 00			
Feb. 17, 1896	".....			2 00			
April 27, 1896	".....	50 00					99 00
Oct. 14, 1895	El Zagal.....		16 00	1 00			
Nov. 25, 1895	".....		76 00				
Dec. 30, 1895	".....			1 00			
April 21, 1896	".....						
May 25, 1896	".....	40 00					134 00
Jan. 20, 1896	El Zaribah, U.D.....					150 00	
Feb. 25, 1896	".....				15 00		
May 7, 1896	".....	10 00	90 00				265 00
June 8, 1895	Hamasa.....		20 00				
June 27, 1895	".....		2 00				
Dec. 10, 1895	".....		12 00				
March 3, 1896	".....		32 00				
May 4, 1896	".....	20 00					86 00
Nov. 25, 1895	Hella.....		44 00				
May 9, 1896	".....	50 00	10 00				104 00
July 15, 1895	India.....		18 00				
Jan. 13, 1896	".....		18 00	1 00			
Mar. 13, 1896	".....		32 00				
May 5, 1896	".....	10 00					79 00
Sept. 4, 1895	Irem.....					150 00	
Nov. 25, 1895	".....				15 00		
Dec. 23, 1895	".....		94 00				
Feb. 24, 1896	".....		44 00				
April 22, 1896	".....	20 00	8 00				331 00
July 5, 1895	Isis.....		114 00				
Aug. 16, 1895	".....		18 00				
Feb. 1, 1896	".....		26 00				
April 23, 1896	".....		56 00				
May 15, 1896	".....	70 00					284 00
May 11, 1896	Islam.....	70 00	136 00				206 00
Jan. 13, 1896	Ismailia.....		58 00				
April 3, 1896	".....		72 00				
	<i>Carried forward..</i>	\$1,650 00	\$4,070 00	\$18 00	\$40 00	\$300 00	\$5,948 00

Receipts.— Continued.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma fees.	Rituals.	Dispensations.	Totals.
	<i>Brought forward</i>	\$1,650 00	\$4,070 00	\$18 00	\$40 00	\$300 00	\$5,948 00
April 4, 1896	Ismailia		2 00				
April 14, 1896	"			1 00			
May 6, 1896	"		40 00				
May 6, 1896	"	90 00					263 00
May 31, 1895	Jerusalem		18 00				
May 7, 1896	"	20 00	18 00				56 00
May 13, 1895	Kaaba		32 00				
May 31, 1895	"		154 00				
July 29, 1895	"			1 00			
Nov. 18, 1895	"		26 00	1 00			
Dec. 20, 1895	"		54 00				
Mar. 27, 1895	"		82 00				
April 14, 1896	"		122 00	1 00			
May 4, 1896	"	100 00					573 00
May 31, 1895	Kismet		28 00				
Aug. 24, 1895	"		26 00				
Nov. 6, 1895	"		12 00				
Dec. 11, 1895	"		4 00				
Jan. 7, 1896	"		18 00				
Feb. 8, 1896	"		8 00				
April 4, 1896	"		36 00				
May 5, 1896	"	70 00	28 00				230 00
May 27, 1895	Kora		34 00				
Sept. 4, 1895	"		18 00				
Oct. 21, 1895	"			2 00			
Nov. 25, 1895	"		26 00				
Dec. 31, 1895	"		12 00				
Feb. 1, 1896	"			1 00			
Mar. 6, 1896	"		36 00				
May 8, 1896	"	40 00					169 00
Aug. 7, 1895	Korein		14 00				
Feb. 3, 1896	"		22 00				
May 9, 1896	"	10 00					46 00
June 8, 1895	Kosair		48 00				
Dec. 16, 1895	"		20 00				
Mar. 12, 1896	"		38 00		\$5 00		
May 11, 1896	"	30 00	32 00				173 00
Nov. 25, 1895	Lu Lu			1 00			
Mar. 3, 1896	"			2 00			
May 11, 1896	"	240 00	326 00				569 00
June 5, 1895	Mecca		64 00				
June 26, 1895	"		50 00				
Aug. 15, 1895	"			1 00			
Nov. 5, 1895	"		80 00				
Dec. 4, 1895	"		44 00				
Jan. 1, 1896	"		66 00	1 00			
Feb. 3, 1896	"		54 00				
April 4, 1896	"		200 00	1 00			
May 1, 1896	"	270 00	68 00				899 00
July 5, 1895	Medinah		130 00				
Oct. 23, 1895	"		100 00				
Nov. 30, 1895	"		144 00				
Feb. 7, 1896	"		38 00				
Mar. 7, 1896	"		52 00				
May 2, 1896	"	230 00	160 00				854 00
May 31, 1895	Media		62 00				
Aug. 8, 1895	"		2 00				
Oct. 23, 1895	"		6 00				
Dec. 11, 1895	"		14 00				
Feb. 28, 1896	"		2 00				
	<i>Carried forward..</i>	\$2,750 00	\$6,740 00	\$31 00	\$45 00	\$300 00	\$9,780 00

Receipts.—Continued.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensations.	Totals.
	<i>Brought forward</i>	\$2,750 00	\$6,740 00	\$31 00	\$45 00	\$300 00	\$9,780 00
April 24, 1896	Media.....		16 00				152 00
May 4, 1896	"	50 00					
June 4, 1895	Mohammed.....		104 00				
Oct. 22, 1895	"		10 00				
Nov. 11, 1895	"		22 00				
Dec. 16, 1895	"		16 00				
Mar. 16, 1896	"		20 00				
April 25, 1896	"	30 00					202 00
May 27, 1895	Molla.....		58 00				
June 27, 1895	"		64 00				
Aug. 19, 1895	"		22 00	1 00			
Dec. 2, 1895	"		24 00				
Feb. 17, 1896	"				5 00		
Mar. 17, 1896	"		82 00				
April 9, 1896	"			2 00			
May 2, 1896	"	40 00					298 00
June 8, 1895	Moolah.....		62 00				
June 26, 1895	"		10 00				
Nov. 30, 1895	"		66 00				
Mar. 20, 1896	"		48 00				
April 21, 1896	"		2 00				
May 20, 1896	"	70 00					258 00
June 20, 1895	Morocco.....		22 00				
May 11, 1896	"	10 00	28 00				60 00
June 11, 1895	Moslem.....		74 00				
Oct. 4, 1895	"		84 00				
Feb. 17, 1896	"				10 00		
Mar. 2, 1896	"		86 00	1 00			
May 6, 1896	"	140 00					395 00
July 12, 1895	Mt. Sinai.....		56 00				
July 30, 1895	"		8 00				
Dec. 6, 1895	"		48 00				
Dec. 16, 1895	"		16 00				
April 25, 1895	"		22 00				
April 28, 1895	"	50 00					200 00
Dec. 18, 1895	Murat.....		104 00	1 00			
May 8, 1896	"	70 00					175 00
May 22, 1896	Naja.....	10 00					10 00
July 6, 1895	Oriental.....		68 00				
Dec. 12, 1895	"		72 00				
Mar. 31, 1896	"		82 00				
May 9, 1896	"	70 00					292 00
July 5, 1895	Oasis.....		22 00				
Jan. 21, 1896	"		26 00				
May 11, 1896	"	10 00	8 00				66 00
May 23, 1895	Osiris.....		96 00				
Aug. 9, 1895	"		54 00				
May 11, 1896	"		40 00				
May 14, 1896	"	50 00					240 00
Feb. 14, 1896	Osman.....		36 00				
Mar. 7, 1896	"		26 00				
May 15, 1896	"	70 00					132 00
Nov. 8, 1895	Palestine.....		114 00				
May 25, 1896	"	70 00	32 00				216 00
May 15, 1895	Pyramid.....		126 00				
May 17, 1895	"		2 00				
Aug. 12, 1895	"		30 00				
Feb. 4, 1896	"		74 00				
May 5, 1896	"	110 00					342 00
May 11, 1895	Rajah.....		60 00				
	<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$3,600 00	\$8,882 00	\$36 00	\$60 00	\$300 00	\$12,818 00

Receipts — Continued.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensations.	Received for Constitut'ns.	Totals.
	<i>Brought forward</i>	\$3,600 00	\$8,882 00	\$36 00	\$60 00	\$300 00		\$12,818 00
June 4, 1895	Rajah		150 00					
June 17, 1895	"		4 00					
Nov. 25, 1895	"		12 00					
Dec. 5, 1895	"						\$21 96	
Jan. 5, 1896	"		18 00					
April 17, 1896	"		12 00					
May 11, 1896	"	40 00						317 96
Nov. 6, 1895	Rameses				5 00			
May 15, 1896	"	30 00	50 00					85 00
Aug. 19, 1895	Sahara		6 00					
Mar. 30, 1896	"			1 00				
April 21, 1896	"		80 00	3 00				
May 11, 1896	"	30 00		1 00				121 00
May 25, 1896	Salaam.	10 00						10 00
Nov. 26, 1895	Saladin.		126 00					
Feb. 29, 1896	"		16 00					
May 7, 1896	"	90 00						232 00
Feb. 3, 1896	Sesostris		32 00	1 00				
May 15, 1896	"	60 00	24 00					117 00
April 13, 1896	Sphinx.				15 00	150 00		
May 11, 1896	"		62 00					227 00
Dec. 23, 1895	Syria		175 00					
May 25, 1896	"	120 00	56 00					354 00
June 17, 1895	Syrian.		82 00					
Sept. 27, 1895	"			5 00				
May 20, 1896	"	150 00	232 00					469 00
Jan. 13, 1896	Tangier		38 00					
May 9, 1896	"	70 00	46 00					154 00
Nov. 25, 1895	Tebala		20 00					
Mar. 18, 1896	"		28 00					
April 27, 1896	"	30 00						78 00
Dec. 14, 1895	Tripoli		52 00					
Dec. 26, 1895	"			3 00				
April 14, 1896	"		46 00					
May 7, 1896	"	60 00						161 00
May 23, 1895	Yaarab		6 00					
Dec. 2, 1895	"		10 00					
Dec. 9, 1895	"			1 00				
Mar. 22, 1896	"		16 00					
May 1, 1896	"	30 00	48 00					111 00
May 23, 1895	Zamora		32 00					
Mar. 12, 1896	"		16 00					
May 11, 1896	"	20 00						68 00
July 3, 1895	Zem Zem		76 00					
Feb. 15, 1896	"		64 00					
May 12, 1896	"	40 00	12 00					192 00
Aug. 6, 1896	Ziyara		22 00					
Mar. 26, 1896	"		30 00					
May 11, 1896	"	60 00	46 00					158 00
June 15, 1895	Zuhrah		54 00	1 00				
Aug. 5, 1895	"		50 00					
Nov. 26, 1895	"		12 00					
Jan. 6, 1896	"		16 00					
Feb. 24, 1896	"		34 00					
Mar. 28, 1896	"		36 00					
May 4, 1896	"	60 00	18 00					281 00
May	Sale of old furniture.							45 00
	<i>Totals,</i>	\$4,500 00	\$10,850 00	\$52 00	\$80 00	\$450 00	\$21 96	\$15,998 96

SUMMARY OF ABOVE AMOUNTS.

Total receipts of the Imperial Recorder . . .	\$15,998 96
Annual dues	\$4,500 00
Initiation fees	10,850 00
Duplicate diploma fees	52 00
Rituals	80 00
Dispensation fees	450 00
Sale of Constitutions and Laws	21 96
Sale of old furniture	45 00
	\$15,998 96

PAYMENTS MADE TO THE IMPERIAL TREASURER.

June 1, 1895.....	\$978 00	Mar. 26, 1896.....	\$110 00
June 7, 1895.....	318 00	Mar. 28, 1896.....	118 00
June 15, 1895.....	279 00	Mar. 31, 1896.....	126 00
June 20, 1895.....	180 00	April 11, 1896.....	337 00
July 1, 1895.....	230 00	April 14, 1896.....	356 00
July 8, 1895.....	474 00	April 16, 1896.....	115 00
Aug. 6, 1895.....	169 00	April 21, 1896.....	117 00
Sept. 12, 1895.....	364 00	April 22, 1896.....	109 00
Oct. 22, 1895.....	363 00	April 27, 1896.....	298 00
Oct. 29, 1895.....	225 00	April 28, 1896.....	120 00
Nov. 8, 1895.....	211 00	May 1, 1896.....	316 00
Nov. 26, 1895.....	382 00	May 2, 1896.....	558 00
Dec. 2, 1895.....	483 00	May 4, 1896.....	328 00
Dec. 11, 1895.....	183 96	May 5, 1896.....	342 00
Dec. 16, 1895.....	206 00	May 6, 1896.....	358 00
Dec. 18, 1895.....	236 00	May 7, 1896.....	430 00
Dec. 23, 1895.....	326 00	May 8, 1896.....	250 00
Jan. 1, 1896.....	285 00	May 9, 1896.....	274 00
Jan. 13, 1896.....	177 00	May 11, 1896.....	1,285 00
Jan. 20, 1896.....	258 00	May 12, 1896.....	144 00
Feb. 3, 1896.....	162 00	May 14, 1896.....	122 00
Feb. 5, 1896.....	107 00	May 15, 1896.....	400 00
Feb. 14, 1896.....	167 00	May 18, 1896.....	462 00
Feb. 24, 1896.....	319 00	May 20, 1896.....	124 00
Feb. 28, 1896.....	131 00	May 21, 1896.....	452 00
Mar. 2, 1896.....	105 00	May 25, 1896.....	348 00
Mar. 20, 1896.....	369 00		
Mar. 20, 1896.....	362 00		
			\$15,998 96

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Receipts from May 1, 1896, to date, to go on new year's account.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

Receipts.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensa- tions.	Money Re- turned from Mileage and Per Diem.	Totals.
May 11, 1896	Hamasa		\$12 00					
May 13, 1896	Aleppo		138 00					
May 20, 1896	Abdallah		14 00					
May 21, 1896	Zem Zem		16 00					
May 25, 1896	Mount Sinai.....			\$2 00				
May 25, 1896	Isis			1 00				
May 25, 1896	Syria		28 00					
May 26, 1896	Mount Sinai.....		32 00					
May 29, 1896	Sahara			1 00				
June 2, 1896	Pyramid.....		30 00					
June 2, 1896	Ismailia.....		24 00					
June 2, 1896	Mecca		78 00					
June 3, 1896	Kora		18 00					
June 3, 1896	Moslem		46 00	1 00				
June 3, 1896	Kismet.....		8 00					
June 4, 1896	Saladin		94 00					
June 4, 1896	India		16 00					
June 5, 1896	Medinah		38 00	1 00				
June 5, 1896	El Riad.....		42 00					
June 6, 1896	El Kahir.....		96 00					
June 8, 1896	Kaaba		10 00					
June 8, 1896	Hella		8 00					
June 9, 1896	Moila		60 00					
June 9, 1896	Irenu		80 00					
June 11, 1896	Ararat.....		12 00					
June 11, 1896	Mecca			1 00				
June 12, 1896	Oriental.....		80 00					
		Totals..	\$980 00	\$7 00				\$987 00

Payments to Imperial Treasurer.

May 20, 1896,	Wm. S. Brown, I.T.						\$164 00
June 2, 1896,	"						100 00
June 3, 1896,	"						167 00
June 4, 1896,	"						102 00
June 6, 1896,	"						193 00
June 9, 1896,	"						158 00
June 12, 1896,	"						103 00
	Total						\$987 00

The expenses of my office during the term just closed have been as follows:—

Printing Proceedings of 1895	\$448 83
“ Constitutions of 1895	68 00
“ 10,000 diplomas	293 94
“ 1 Diploma Record Book	23 75
“ Arabic Calendars, 1895-96	197 60
“ letter heads	18 55
“ half tone portrait Field	5 75
“ Notices to Temples and calls for Annual Session	46 75
“ Election Returns	4 75
“ Lists of Temples, officers and representatives	37 50
“ stamped envelopes	50 00
Postage for twelve months	89 49
Printing receipts and warrants	11 75
Engraving autographs and electro	7 75
Wrapping paper, twine and mailing tubes	15 34
Telegrams	3 05
Stationery, etc.	15 85
Paid Express Companies	10 28
Total	<u>\$1,348 93</u>

During the year I have, by order of the Imperial Potentate, drawn the following warrants:—

No.	In favor of	For	Amount
81	Eugene H. Richards,	Representatives' badges,	\$165 60
82	Korein Temple,	Guarantee fee returned,	100 00
83	Oasis Temple,	“ “ “	100 00
84	Tebala Temple,	“ “ “	100 00
85	Fidelity & Deposit Co., Md.,	Premium on Treasurer's bond,	100 00
86	Frank T. Haggerty,	Official Stenographer,	100 00
87	John H. Mauriltus,	Mileage and per diem,	11 85
88	Armstrong & Fillmore,	Printing annual address W. B. Melish,	73 00
89	Irem Temple,	Guarantee fee returned,	100 00
90	B. W. Rowell, Imp. Rec.	¼ salary and expense,	610 44
91	Wm. S. Brown, Imp. Treas.,	Pay roll, 21st Annual Session,	9,176 39
92	Jacob H. Bromwell, Chairman,	Testimonial to W. B. Melish,	1,000 00
93	E. B. Stillings & Co.,	Printing and supplies,	98 80
94	“ “	“ “ “	824 17
95	“ “	“ “ “	20 25
96	“ “	“ “ “	31 49
97	Chas. L. Field, I. P.,	Contingent Fund,	300 00
98	B. W. Rowell, Imp. Rec.,	¼ salary and expenses,	631 67
	Amount carried forward		<u>\$13,543 66</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$13,543 66
99 Stevenson & Foster Co.,	Envelopes for Imperial Treasurer,	12 00
100 B. W. Rowell, Imp. Rec.,	$\frac{1}{4}$ salary and expenses,	518 76
101 James McGee,	Inspecting Acca Temple,	39 00
102 Harrison Dingman,	" Mecca Temple,	17 00
103 Eugene H. Richards,	Representatives' badges,	160 00
104 William S. Brown, Imp. Treas.,	Salary,	100 00
105 E. B. Stillings & Co.,	Printing and supplies,	255 55
106 B. W. Rowell, Imp. Rec.,	$\frac{1}{4}$ salary and expenses,	519 65
Total,		\$15,165 62

In compliance with the vote passed at the Twenty-First Annual Session, I have had manufactured one Treasurer's Official Jewel and have had the other officers' jewels cleansed and repaired, and put in appropriate cases, and have forwarded by express to each Imperial Officer the Jewel of his office, and have received and hold their receipts for same. This was accomplished at an expense of \$50.

On Jan. 20, 1896, by order of the Imperial Potentate, I issued dispensation to El Zaribah Temple of Phoenix, Arizona.

On April 30, 1896, by order of the Imperial Potentate, I issued dispensation to Sphinx Temple of Hartford, Conn.

RITUALS.

Since the last Annual Report in September, 1895, I have issued the following rituals:—

Irem Temple, Wilkesbarre, Pa. . .	Nos. 177, 178, 179
Rameses Temple, Toronto, Can. . .	No. 180
Ben Hur Temple, Austin, Tex. . .	Nos. 181, 182, 186
El Zaribah Temple, Phoenix, Ariz. . .	Nos. 183, 184, 185
Moila Temple, St. Joseph, Mo. . .	No. 187
Moslem Temple, Detroit, Mich. . .	Nos. 188, 189
Aladdin Temple, Columbus, O. . .	No. 190
Kosair Temple, Louisville, Ky. . .	No. 191
Sphinx Temple, Hartford, Conn. . .	Nos. 192, 193, 194

I received from Aladdin Temple old Ritual No. 294, and have destroyed the same.

DIPLOMAS.

During the year I have had engrossed and delivered to Temples 6,545 diplomas.

I have also issued, as per order, receiving in payment one dollar each, 52 duplicate diplomas.

RECEIPT OF ANNUAL RETURNS.

The annual returns from the various Temples throughout the Jurisdiction have all been received within the limit of time as provided by the Constitution, as per the following list:—

1 Aleppo . . .	March 20, 1896	38 Oriental . . .	May 9, 1896
2 Ahmed . . .	April 21, 1896	39 Ben Hur . . .	May 9, 1896
3 Al Koran . . .	April 21, 1896	40 Hella . . .	May 9, 1896
4 Irem . . .	April 22, 1896	41 Tangier . . .	May 9, 1896
5 Mohammed . . .	April 25, 1896	42 Lu Lu . . .	May 11, 1896
6 El Riad . . .	April 27, 1896	43 Kosair . . .	May 11, 1896
7 Tebala . . .	April 27, 1896	44 Morocco . . .	May 11, 1896
8 Mt. Sinai . . .	April 28, 1896	45 Rajah . . .	May 11, 1896
9 Al Kader . . .	April 28, 1896	46 Oasis . . .	May 11, 1896
10 Yaarab . . .	May 1, 1896	47 Islam . . .	May 11, 1896
11 Mecca . . .	May 1, 1896	48 Sphinx, U.D. . .	May 11, 1896
12 Moila . . .	May 2, 1896	49 Zamora . . .	May 11, 1896
13 Ararat . . .	May 2, 1896	50 Ziyara . . .	May 11, 1896
14 Medinah . . .	May 2, 1896	51 Sahara . . .	May 11, 1896
15 El Kahir . . .	May 2, 1896	52 Aladdin . . .	May 11, 1896
16 Kaaba . . .	May 4, 1896	53 Al Chymia . . .	May 12, 1896
17 Zuhrah . . .	May 4, 1896	54 Zem Zem . . .	May 12, 1896
18 Hamasa . . .	May 4, 1896	55 El Katif . . .	May 13, 1896
19 Algeria . . .	May 4, 1896	56 Ballut Abyad . . .	May 13, 1896
20 Media . . .	May 4, 1896	57 Osiris . . .	May 14, 1896
21 Al Malaikah . . .	May 4, 1896	58 Acca . . .	May 15, 1896
22 Kismet . . .	May 5, 1896	59 Isis . . .	May 15, 1896
23 India . . .	May 5, 1896	60 Osman . . .	May 15, 1896
24 Pyramid . . .	May 5, 1896	61 Sesostris . . .	May 15, 1896
25 Boumi . . .	May 5, 1896	62 Rameses . . .	May 15, 1896
26 Moslem . . .	May 6, 1896	63 Cyprus . . .	May 18, 1896
27 Ismailia . . .	May 6, 1896	64 Almas . . .	May 18, 1896
28 Alhambra . . .	May 7, 1896	65 Damascus . . .	May 18, 1896
29 El Zaribah, U.D., . . .	May 7, 1896	66 Affi . . .	May 19, 1896
30 Tripoli . . .	May 7, 1896	67 Abdallah . . .	May 20, 1896
31 Saladin . . .	May 7, 1896	68 Syrian . . .	May 20, 1896
32 Jerusalem . . .	May 7, 1896	69 Moolah . . .	May 20, 1896
33 El Jebel'. . .	May 8, 1896	70 Naja . . .	May 22, 1896
34 El Kalah . . .	May 8, 1896	71 Palestine . . .	May 25, 1896
35 Murat . . .	May 8, 1896	72 El Zagal . . .	May 25, 1896
36 Kora . . .	May 8, 1896	73 Salaam . . .	May 25, 1896
37 Korein . . .	May 9, 1896	74 Syria . . .	May 25, 1896

It will be noticed by this list that returns from forty-one Temples were received between the 20th day of March and the 10th day of May, 1896. Eleven were received on the 11th day of May; two on the 12th; two on the 13th; one on the 14th; five on the 15th; three on the 18th; one on the 19th; three on the 20th; one on the 22d, and four on the 25th day of May.

Much of the delay of those received after the 10th day of May was caused by a misunderstanding as to the time of making annual returns; but the matter being now thoroughly understood, I think I can safely promise the Recorders in years to come that the returns will be received within ten days from May 1.

My labors as Imperial Recorder during the past year, although entailing much labor, have been very pleasant, owing to the ready, willing and courteous manner in which all of my communications to the various Recorders have been received. From the many pleasant expressions received from the Recorders of Temples I am led to believe that my efforts to serve the Temples with promptness and dispatch have been fully appreciated, and I take this opportunity of extending to those with whom I have been officially connected, my grateful thanks for their kind consideration and appreciation of my efforts in their behalf.

Fraternally yours,


Imperial Recorder.

On motion the report was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE IMPERIAL TREASURER.

The Imperial Treasurer, Noble Wm. S. Brown, presented his annual report as follows:—

To the Imperial Officers and Members of the Imperial Council, A.A.O. N.M.S.

NOBLES: I beg to submit the following report and statement of all moneys received and disbursed from May 1, 1895, to May 1, 1896.

1896.

To balance, May 1, 1895..... \$8,878 16

1895.

June	3	To Cash from Recorder B. W. Rowell, Receipt No. 33....	978 00
"	15	" " " " " " " " " " 34....	318 00
"	17	" " " " " " " " " " 36....	279 00
"	22	" " " " " " " " " " 37....	180 00
July	3	" " " " " " " " " " 38....	230 00
"	10	" " " " " " " " " " 39....	474 00
Aug.	9	" " " " " " " " " " 40....	169 00
Sept.	16	" " " " " " " " " " 41....	364 00
Oct.	29	" " " " " " " " " " 42....	363 00
Nov.	1	" " " " " " " " " " 43....	225 00
"	12	" " " " " " " " " " 44....	211 00
"	23	" " " " " " " " " " 45....	382 00
Dec.	4	" " " " " " " " " " 46....	483 00
"	14	" " " " " " " " " " 47....	183 96
"	18	" " " " " " " " " " 48....	206 00
"	20	" " " " " " " " " " 49....	236 00
"	26	" " " " " " " " " " 50....	326 00

1896.

Jan.	3	" " " " " " " " " " 51....	235 00
"	15	" " " " " " " " " " 52....	177 00
"	23	" " " " " " " " " " 53....	258 00
Feb.	3	" " " " " " " " " " 54....	162 00
"	5	" " " " " " " " " " 55....	107 00
"	18	" " " " " " " " " " 56....	167 00
"	26	" " " " " " " " " " 57....	319 00
March	2	" " " " " " " " " " 58....	131 00
"	4	" " " " " " " " " " 59....	105 00
"	20	" " " " " " " " " " 60....	369 00
"	20	" " " " " " " " " " 61....	362 00
"	26	" " " " " " " " " " 62....	110 00
"	28	" " " " " " " " " " 63....	118 00
"	31	" " " " " " " " " " 64....	126 00
April	14	" " " " " " " " " " 65....	337 00
"	16	" " " " " " " " " " 66....	356 00
"	18	" " " " " " " " " " 67....	115 00
"	23	" " " " " " " " " " 68....	117 00
"	25	" " " " " " " " " " 69....	109 00
"	29	" " " " " " " " " " 70....	298 00

Amount carried forward \$18,564 12



J. H. Brown

IMPERIAL TREASURER

NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE

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		<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$18,564 12
May	1	To Cash from Recorder B. W. Rowell, Receipt No 71....	120 00
"	4	" " " " " " " " 72....	316 00
"	4	" " " " " " " " 73....	558 00
"	6	" " " " " " " " 74....	328 00
"	7	" " " " " " " " 75....	342 00
"	8	" " " " " " " " 76....	358 00
"	9	" " " " " " " " 77....	430 00
"	10	" " " " " " " " 78....	250 00
"	11	" " " " " " " " 79....	274 00
"	13	" " " " " " " " 80....	1,285 00
"	15	" " " " " " " " 81....	144 00
"	15	" " " " " " " " 82....	122 00
"	18	" " " " " " " " 83....	400 00
"	20	" " " " " " " " 84....	462 00
"	22	" " " " " " " " 85....	124 00
"	23	" " " " " " " " 86....	452 00
"	27	" " " " " " " " 87....	348 00
Total receipts.....			\$24,877 12
Interest First National Bank, Pittsburg.....			90 52
Error in payment check No. 232 by bank.....			20
Grand total.....			\$24,967 84

		By	
1895.		Warrant	
		No.	
Sept.	13	81 Eugene H. Richards for Badges Imperial Council....	\$165 60
"	13	82 James M. Ramsey, Korein Temple, Guarantec Fee returned	100 00
"	13	83 Walter S. Liddell, Oasis Temple, Guarantee Fee returned	100 00
"	13	84 Geo. R. Atkinson, Tebala Temple, Guarantee Fee returned	100 00
"	16	85 Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Maryland, Premium on Bond, Imperial Treasurer.....	100 00
"	30	86 Frank T. Haggerty, Official Stenographer, Nantasket Beach	100 00
Oct.	3	87 John H. Mauritius, Sesostris Temple, Mile and Per Diem underpaid, Nantasket.....	11 85
"	11	88 Armstrong & Fillmore (Ciute) Printing 500 copies Annual Address, W. B. Melish	73 00
"	21	89 Irem Temple, Wilkesbarre, Pa., Guarantee Fee ret'd	100 00
"	29	90 B. W. Rowell, Recorder, three months' salary, \$500, and expenses to date.....	610 44
"	29	91 W. S. Brown, Imperial Treasurer for pay roll Imperial Council, Nantasket Beach	9,176 39
Nov.	27	92 Jacob H. Bromwell, Testimonial W. B. Melish.....	1,000 00
Dec.	14	93 E. B. Stillings & Co., Boston, Printing bill to Aug. 30	98 80
"	14	94 E. B. Stillings & Co., Printing bill for September ..	824 17
"	14	95 E. B. Stillings & Co., Printing bill for October	20 25
"	14	96 E. B. Stillings & Co., Boston, Printing for November	31 49
<i>Amount carried forward</i>			\$12,611 99

<i>Amount brought forward</i>				\$12,611 99
<i>By</i>				
1896	Warrant			
	No.			
Jan.	23	97	Chas. L. Field, Imperial Potentate, on account Contingent Fund.....	300 00
"	23	98	B. W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, salary \$500, express, postage and expense, \$131.67.....	631 67
Mar.	19	99	Stevenson & Foster Co., 500 stamped envelopes.....	12 00
April	14	100	B. W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, three months' salary, \$500; express, postage, etc.....	518 76
May	20	101	James McGee, inspecting Acca Temple.....	39 00
"	23	102	Harrison Dingman, inspecting Mecca Temple.....	17 00
"	23	103	Eugene H. Richards, for 200 Representative Badges.....	160 00
June	3	104	W. S. Brown for Salary as Treasurer.....	100 00
"	4	105	E. B. Stillings Co., Sundry Bills.....	255 55
"	6	106	B. W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, three months' salary, \$500; postage, telegrams, etc., \$19.65....	519 65
Total...				\$15,165 62

RECAPITULATION.

Balance last audit, May 1, 1895	\$8,878 16
Cash from Recorder from Receipts 33 to 87 inclusive	15,998 96
Interest on deposits First National Bank of Pittsburg to June 23, 1896.....	90 52
Error in payment check No. 232, by bank.....	20
Total receipts	\$24,967 84

DISBURSEMENTS.

From Warrants No. 81 to 106 each inclusive.....	\$15,165 62
From balance on hand for year ending May 1, 1896.....	\$9,802 22
All of which is respectfully submitted by	

Your Imperial Treasurer,
W. S. BROWN.

This report was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The Committee on Constitution and Laws submitted the following, which was accepted and adopted by unanimous vote:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

To the Imperial Council:

It having come to the knowledge of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, that many Nobles suspended for non-payment of dues, or suspended or expelled for other causes, are in the habit of visiting other Temples, thereby rendering of no effect their suspension or expulsion, except in their own Temple, we would recommend that some measures be adopted to prevent, so far as possible, such practice in the future; and for this purpose would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That no Noble be eligible to visit any other Temple but his own, except upon producing to the Temple which he desires to visit, a certificate, signed by the Recorder of his own Temple and bearing the seal thereof, that such Noble is in good and regular standing. And such certificate shall be of no effect for more than one year from its date.

Provided, however, that a member of any Temple may be allowed to visit any other Temple, if he shall be properly vouched for as being in good and regular standing, by a member of the Order.

We further recommend, That it shall be deemed a violation of good faith for any Temple to allow a member of any other Temple to visit it, except upon the production of the above mentioned certificate, or upon his being properly vouched for as above recommended.

We would recommend the following form of certificate, which shall be issued only by the Imperial Council; and each Temple shall pay to the Imperial Recorder, for the Imperial Council, ten cents for each certificate issued by him.

..... TEMPLE.

To all true and faithful Nobles of the Mystic Shrine :

Know ye that the Worthy Brother, who has signed his name in the margin hereof, is, at the date hereof, a member in good standing of Temple, located at, in the State of.....

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of this Temple, this day of 18 .

[L. S.]Recorder.
.....Temple.

The Recorder of each Temple shall be entitled to charge fifty (50) cents for each certificate so issued, which sum shall belong to the Temple issuing the same.

Respectfully submitted,
ALLEN ANDREWS,
JOHN C. DAVIS,
CALEB SAUNDERS,
Committee.

ALEE AND BENI KEDEM TEMPLES.

The Imperial Recorder read petitions from Nobles at Charleston, W. Va. and Savannah, Ga., for dispensations to open and form new Temples to be called " Beni Kedem " and " Aleo " respectively, which was referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws made partial report as follows; which was on motion accepted and the recommendations approved.

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PARTIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

To Imperial Council :

We have examined the By-Laws of several Temples presented to us and recommend that those of Jerusalem Temple of New Orleans, La., be approved as submitted, except the clause referring to

BALLOT ON CANDIDATES,

which should be made to conform to Article XXIV. of the Constitution and Laws of the Imperial Council.

That the following words under

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- "His re-instatement by his Commandery or Consistory restores him to his previous standing in this Temple"—be stricken out.

That the following words under

OFFICERS,

"And as many members as the Temple may admit"—be stricken out.

That the following words under

COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS,

"And shall be exempt from dues while acting as such"—be stricken out.

That the

PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP

shall be the form prescribed by the Imperial Council.

We recommend that the By-Laws of Irem Temple of Wilkes Barre, Pa., be approved as submitted, except Article V., Section 4,

RECORDER,

that the following words "Give notice to all members of the Temple of the names of all applicants for initiation or affiliation unless acted upon under dispensation"—be stricken out.

Article VII., Section 11, strike out the word "imperative."

Article X

ORDER OF BUSINESS,

add — "Unless otherwise ordered by Potentate."

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN ANDREWS,
CALEB SAUNDERS,
JOHN C. DAVIS,
Committee.

To Imperial Council :

We recommend that the By-Laws of Sphinx Temple of Hartford, Conn., be approved as submitted, except Article IV., Section 11, the following words: "and shall require a unanimous vote to elect" should be stricken out, being in conflict with Article XXV. of Imperial Council By-Laws.

ALLEN ANDREWS,
CALEB SAUNDERS,
JOHN C. DAVIS,
Committee.

To Imperial Council :

We have examined the By-Laws of El Katif Temple of Spokane, Washington, and recommend that they be approved as submitted, except Article IV., Section 1. That the words "To receive the ballot upon petitions at the same meeting the Temple must apply for and receive a special dispensation from the Imperial Potentate authorizing it so to do, in which event the members of the Temple must receive due and timely notices of the proposed election of candidates under said dispensation," be stricken out.

That the following be added to Section 2, Article IV., "unless otherwise ordered by Temple."

ALLEN ANDREWS,
CALEB SAUNDERS,
JOHN C. DAVIS,
Committee.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws reported as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

To the Imperial Council :

Your Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws beg leave to report :

AMENDMENTS.

That there have been submitted to us by the official communication of the Imperial Potentate, eleven proposed amendments to the Constitution.

Of these the first, third, fourth, seventh, eighth and ninth may be considered together, for they embrace the same subject.

By these proposed amendments, it is sought to strike out from Section 2, Article IV., and from Article IX., and from Section 1, Article II., the word "annual" and substitute the word "triennial"; and to so change

Section 4, Article VIII., as to require the Imperial Recorder to report to a triennial instead of an annual Session; and also to so change Section 2 and Section 6, Article III., as to provide for the triennial instead of the annual election and compensation of representatives.

The whole purpose is to manage the Order with triennial instead of annual sessions of the Imperial Council. The subject is one of legislative and administrative policy, rather than jurisprudence and laws. And the Imperial Council should properly first determine whether this change is desirable. Then if it be resolved to enter upon this new plan, it should perhaps be deferred for at least one year, and in the meantime our constitution should be submitted to some appropriate committee for revision, since a great many changes may become necessary; otherwise, alteration made in the way suggested, because they are disconnected, may render our laws inharmonious and their several provisions mutually contradictory.

On the other hand, unless we decide to make this radical change in the time and number of our sessions we need not consider these proposed amendments. But since the question comes before us, this committee has no hesitation in saying that we are opposed to the adoption of these amendments. Not only for the reason above given, but also because we believe the time has not yet come, and may never come, when it is wisest and best to dispense with annual sessions of the Imperial Council. Our Order is still young, and some of its features, not to say principles, are evolutionary, and some of the measures adopted for its government are still experimental. The problems that have arisen have each year been met and solved, and we have prospered well under the management of our annual sessions. It is probable that for many years yet to come other difficulties will arise which can best be overcome by frequent meetings of the supreme governing tribunal. Not only the upbuilding of the Order, but the very fraternity we seek to promote among the nobility, is best served by these frequent gatherings. As we understand it, the only argument made against the position we maintain grows out of financial considerations. But our income is fairly commensurate with our expenditures, and this argument is therefore not so important.

We therefore recommend the rejection of all these six proposed amendments.

On motion, so much of the committee's report was adopted and said amendments rejected.

It is proposed to amend Section 2, Article VIII., so that the Imperial Recorder shall be required to give bond in the sum of two thousand dollars instead of ten thousand dollars as is now provided. Under the practice as it now prevails this bond is furnished through some indemnity

company for which the cost is paid out of the Imperial Treasury. It is urged that since the Imperial Recorder is by this same section required to pay over to the treasurer the sum in his hands as soon as it reaches one hundred dollars, a bond of two thousand dollars is sufficient, and that this reduction will result in a saving in the cost of the indemnity. This is true, and the argument is well founded, *provided always* that the Recorder at all times obeys the laws. The logic might be carried further, for we need no bond at all if the Recorder would always obey the law. But the very purpose of this requirement is to secure the treasury in case the Recorder does not observe the law; and if he violates the law and does not pay over, he will, during the year, accumulate in his hands the full sum of ten thousand dollars. The amount of the bond is not too much and we recommend that the amendment be rejected.

On motion, so much of committee's report was adopted and said amendment to Section 2, Article VIII., rejected.

It is proposed to amend Section 1, Article XVI., so as to fix the price of a dispensation for a new temple at one hundred dollars instead of one hundred and fifty, and then in case a charter is granted to require the temple to pay fifty dollars additional, instead of receiving a return of one hundred dollars of the dispensation fee.

We think the change a commendable one for it lessens the amount to be borne by the nobles when no charter is granted, and increases the revenue of the Imperial treasury when a new temple is chartered. We recommend its adoption as restated in the following language:—

"For every dispensation to form and open a new temple there shall be required and paid one hundred dollars which must accompany the application for dispensation. And when a charter is granted an additional sum of fifty dollars shall be paid before the charter is delivered."

On motion so much of the committee's report was adopted and said amended Section 1, Article XVI., as above stated, duly passed.

Article XXIV. as it now stands defines the prerequisites of an applicant for initiation and directs a form of application. It then provides that before a petition can be received and balloted upon at the same meeting a special dispensation must be had from the Imperial Potentate.

It is now thought to amend this article by substituting the language proposed as an amendment. The effect will be to enable a temple to receive and ballot upon a petition at any regular or stated meeting without a dispensation, but not at a special meeting.

The purpose of this change is to relieve the Imperial Potentate of a large number of applications for special dispensations and to make our law in its general provisions conform to the practice heretofore prevailing, for it has been the general custom for the Imperial Potentate to

grant all such dispensations to ballot at a regular meeting as a matter of course. On the other hand the change will not be harmful, for there still remains sufficient cautionary measures to bar unworthy persons, if any such exist, among the Knight Templars and 32^o Masons of our land, from whom all applications must come.

We approve the amendment and recommend its adoption.

On motion, so much of committee's report was adopted and said amendment to Article XXIV. duly passed.

The last amendment submitted to us seeks to strike out the entire Section 2, Article IV., and to substitute the following:—

“The first eight officers shall be elected by ballot and by majority vote at each annual session. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the Imperial Potentate and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected or appointed and installed.”

Our constitution provides for thirteen officers, all elective; the amendment makes the last five appointive. The effect will be to augment the dignity, prestige and power of the Imperial Potentate. And it has been observed in similar organizations that appointments suggest, in a certain sense, the members who are most likely to receive distinction by promotion to the elective offices. Nevertheless, this plan is generally adopted in all Masonic bodies and in many other fraternities and works well. It is not without some misgiving and hesitation, however, that we report, as we do, in favor of the amendment and recommend its adoption.

On motion, so much of the committee's report was adopted and said amended Section 2, Article IV., as above stated, was duly passed.

DECISIONS.

The Imperial Potentate has reported six decisions made by him in the form of answers to interrogatories which have been referred to us for consideration. We have examined them, and in our opinion they are all correct interpretation of the law, and we therefore recommend their approval.

To permit these decisions, however, to receive the sanction of the Imperial Council, and to thus become established precedents, without some additional observations to prevent misunderstanding, would not, we feel, be a full discharge of our duty as your committee.

Since good standing in Templar or Scottish Rite Masonry is the basis of membership in this Order, it is fair that suspension or expulsion by either, as held by the Imperial Potentate, should disqualify one for membership in this organization. It is true, an applicant, in order to enter here, need not belong to both the other societies, but having ren-

dered himself unworthy of affiliation in either he ought not to find shelter here on the ground that the other took no notice of his shortcomings. This we regard as correct interpretation of the spirit of our Order, for by this rule we hold up the highest standard of manhood, and preserve on the highest plane the friendly and fraternal relations between the Arabic Order and Templar and Scottish Rite Masonry.

But at the same time it should be set forth as a true statement of our law, that there is nothing in its provision that in any way disqualifies a Noble for continuous membership in the temple or in any way subjects him to discipline, if, having been a member of either or both the prerequisite Orders, he voluntarily and honorably withdraws from either or both of them and lives without offense against their laws.

Amid the vicissitudes of life it may well happen that one who in prosperity joined, kept up his standing, and paid his dues in the temple and in all the Masonic bodies, through adversity finds himself, in justice to his family or to his creditors, unable to maintain himself in all these organizations. In such a case he should have his choice, and be permitted to keep in active membership in that society where he desires to go, and where he probably finds his dearest friends and most cherished companionship. He should be allowed to enjoy this without any compulsion to bear the burden of affiliation in all the prior bodies from which he has the right to voluntarily and honorably withdraw. Neither should he be required to subject himself to the humiliation of asking or expecting the prerequisite Orders to carry him by remitting his dues. They are often located in one place while he may reside in another, and they cannot, therefore, know his changed condition in life. Besides, pride of character, which is one of the noblest attributes of true manhood, often forbids such a course.

We felt it a duty to add these thoughts and we ask the approval of the Imperial Council upon these expressions as a true statement of the law in this respect.

On motion, so much of committee's report as relates to decisions was adopted.

The attention of the committee has been called to apparent contradiction between Section 2, Article XXIII., and Article XXXII.

The former provides that any officer of a temple may resign except the Potentate and the Chief and Assistant Rabban; while the latter provides that a temple may elect a successor in event any officer resigns.

And the contention has been made that under the general terms of Article XXXII. an implication arises that the Potentate or Rabban may resign and that this Article, therefore, is in conflict with Section 2, Article XXIII., which expressly forbids the resignation of such officer.

We have considered this subject and are of opinion that no change need be made, for there is no real conflict between these two

provisions. They should be construed together, and certainly no one entrusted with the government of a temple can be misled, and because some one may question is no reason for amendment. No legislation, however plain, and no expression, however clear, can forestall the questioner. His class will always abound. Some make inquiries simply in order to have correspondence with the Imperial Potentate, others call attention to points only new to themselves, and still again others question because no printing can be so emphatic and satisfactory to them as the personal assurance of the Imperial Potentate that they are right.

We have examined the form of petition submitted by the Imperial Potentate and approve it and think it should be adopted.

The form prevailing is arranged for an applicant who is either a Knight Templar or a 32° Mason, but is not convenient for one who belongs to both of these prerequisite Orders. And above all this the form now submitted contains an affirmative declaration on part of the candidate that he has resided within the jurisdiction of the temple, or in unoccupied territory, not less than six months, and that he is not under suspension or expulsion in either of the bodies prerequisite to this Order.

Hoping the work of your committee may meet your approbation, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN ANDREWS,
CALEB SAUNDERS,
JOHN C. DAVIS,

Committee.

On motion, the remaining portion of the committee's report was adopted.

On motion of Noble Andrews the committee's report as an entirety was duly adopted.

INVITATION FROM ZIYARA TEMPLE.

The Imperial Recorder, at the request of Ziyara Temple, read the following, which was referred to the Committee on Time and Place of next Session :—

UTICA, June 18, 1896.

At a regular session of Ziyara Temple held in Masonic Hall, Utica, N.Y., June 17, the following was unanimously adopted :—

Motion W. H. Cloker, Jr.

Resolved, That the Potentate, Nobles J. B. Jones, Geo. D. Frank, N. F. Martin, H. H. Klock and Wm. J. McElroy be appointed a committee to go to Cleveland, and use all honorable means with the repre-

sentatives to the Imperial Council to have them name Utica, N.Y., as the place for holding the session of the Imperial Council next year.

JACOB SCHEEHL,
Recorder.

On motion the Council was declared adjourned until 2 o'clock P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Imperial Council was called to order at 2.30 P.M. by the Imperial Potentate.

Noble Geiger for the Committee on Transactions of Imperial Officers submitted the following report, which was accepted and approved:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSACTIONS OF THE IMPERIAL OFFICERS.

To the Imperial Council:

Your committee, to whom was referred the Imperial Potentate's Address, present the following report:—

We congratulate this Council upon the splendid success of the past year, and the Imperial Potentate upon the fact that his reign has been undisturbed by turmoil or warlike display. The tribes of the Order are at peace.

1. We would recommend that so much of the Address as relates to charters and dispensations, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

2. That all matters pertaining to Decisions, Jurisprudence and Laws be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

3. We commend to the notice of all representatives and their Temples the part relating to Charities, and we express the hope that like interest may be taken in this important subject by all.

4. That the action of the Imperial Potentate in changing the time of this meeting of the Imperial Council be approved.

This, as well as last year, brings no tidings of friction among the Nobles, and the Committee on Appeals and Grievances is again idly waiting in their tent.

For all His mercies we offer praise to Allah the Merciful and Compassionate, and for the continued prosperity of our Order we express our earnest hope.

Signed,

JNO. W. GEIGER,
RICHARD LAMBERT,
F. J. BASSETT,
GEO. W. MILLAR,
LAUREN B. WHIPP,
Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion of Noble Wm. B. Melish the election of Imperial Officers was declared the business next in order.

The Imperial Potentate appointed the following Nobles to serve as Tellers:—

ELECTION TELLERS.

ERASTUS C. KNIGHT,	FRANK E. MASON,
CHESTER T. DRAKE,	CHARLES F. BECK,
HENRY H. MCGAFFEY,	JACOB H. BROMWELL,
GEORGE H. WALKER.	

Noble Allen Andrews of Syrian Temple nominated for Imperial Potentate, Noble Harrison Dingman of Almas Temple.

Noble Edward B. Jordan of Lu Lu Temple nominated Noble John T. Brush of Murat Temple.

The Roll of Representatives was called and the votes having been cast, the tellers reported the whole number of votes cast was 161; Necessary for choice 81.

John H. Atwood had 1, Albert B. McGaffey had 1, John T. Brush had 59, Harrison Dingman had 96 and was declared elected and accepted the office with thanks.

The election then proceeded and resulted in the following officers being declared elected:—

Imperial Potentate . . .	HARRISON DINGMAN.
Imperial Deputy Potentate . .	ALBERT B. MCGAFFEY.
Imperial Chief Rabban . . .	ETHELBERT F. ALLEN.
Imperial Assistant Chief Rabban	JOHN H. ATWOOD.
Imperial High Priest and Prophet	WM. H. S. WRIGHT
Imperial Oriental Guide . . .	LOU B. WINSOR.
Imperial Treasurer . . .	WM. S. BROWN.
Imperial Recorder . . .	BENJ. W. ROWELL.

On motion of Noble J. H. Bromwell, the Imperial Potentate elect was authorized to appoint the remaining officers at his pleasure and report to the Order in print of his action in the premises.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND
PER DIEM.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council :

Your Committee on Mileage and per Diem courteously beg to recommend that the Representatives to the Imperial Council be paid mileage at the rate of six cents per mile for one way travelled, to be computed by the shortest route, and a per diem allowance of ten dollars for two days, and an extra allowance of ten dollars to each member on Jurisprudence and Laws. The official list of Representatives present is now in the hands of the Treasurer.

The total amount of mileage and per diem is \$8,591.88.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. F. LODER,
C. E. FINK,
GEO. W. STARR,
P. J. FRELING,
A. F. VICK ROY,
Committee.

The report was by vote accepted, and its recommendation adopted.

*Pay-Roll and Report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem of the Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S. S.
held at Cleveland, Ohio, 1896.*

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REPRESENTATIVE.	TEMPLE.	LOCATION.	Miles Travelled.	Amount of Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total Mileage and per Diem.	Amount Paid Imp. Council.	Amount due Repr's t'ive.	Amount paid Repr's t'ive.	Total.
Atwood, John H.	Abdallah	Leavenworth, Kan.	889	\$27 00	\$20 00	\$47 00	\$141 00	\$47 00	\$47 00	
Freling, Peter J.	"	"	889	27 00	20 00	47 00		47 00	47 00	
Keller, Alfred B.	"	"	889	27 00	20 00	47 00		47 00	47 00	\$141 00
Pleasants, Fred	Acca	Richmond, Va.	568	34 08	20 00	54 08	178 00	54 08	54 08	
Charlton, John R.	"	"	568	34 08	20 00	54 08		54 08	54 08	108 16
Hart, George F.	Afifi	Tacoma, Wash.	2669	58 00	20 00	78 00	78 00	78 00	78 00	78 00
Midlam, Leroy W.	Ahmed	Marquette, Mich.	758	45 48	20 00	65 48	80 00	65 48	65 48	65 48
McCune, John P.	Aladdin	Columbus, Ohio.	138	8 28	20 00	28 28	178 00	28 28	28 28	
Joseph, W. E.	"	"	138	8 28	20 00	28 28		28 28	28 28	56 56
Bailey, John W.	Al Chymia	Memphis, Tenn.	640	38 40	20 00	58 40	92 00	58 40	58 40	58 40
Rowell, Benjamin W.	Aleppo	Boston, Mass.	680	40 80	20 00	60 80	884 00	60 80	60 80	
Davis, James A.	"	"	680	40 80	20 00	60 80		60 80	60 80	
Saunders, Caleb	"	"	680	40 80	20 00	60 80		60 80	60 80	
Waterman, Thomas	"	"	680	40 80	20 00	60 80		60 80	60 80	243 20
Lockey, Richard	Algeria	Helena, Mont.	1887	34 00	20 00	54 00	54 00	54 00	54 00	54 00
Sloan, Archibald N.	Alhambra	Chattanooga, Tenn.	601	32 00	20 00	52 00	52 00	52 00	52 00	52 00
McIntosh, Henry P.	Al Koran	Cleveland, Ohio.			20 00	20 00	318 00	20 00	20 00	
Marvin, Richard P.	"	"			20 00	20 00		20 00	20 00	
Foster, Arthur B.	"	"			20 00	20 00		20 00	20 00	
Briggs, Sam	"	"			20 00	20 00		20 00	20 00	80 00
Teed, Freeman G.	Al Malaikah	Los Angeles, Cal.	2622	138 00	20 00	158 00	158 00	158 00	158 00	158 00
Dingman, Harrison	Almas	Washington, D.C.	452	27 12	20 00	47 12	250 00	47 12	47 12	
Walker, George H.	"	"	452	27 12	20 00	47 12		47 12	47 12	
Kelley, Andrew W.	"	"	452	27 12	20 00	47 12		47 12	47 12	
Thomas, Frank H.	"	"	452	27 12	20 00	47 12		47 12	47 12	188 48
Allen, Ethelbert F.	Ararat	Kansas City, Mo.	825	49 50	20 00	69 50	285 00	69 50	69 50	
Pinkney, Arthur E.	"	"	825	49 50	20 00	69 50		69 50	69 50	
Havens, J. D.	"	"	825	49 50	20 00	69 50		69 50	69 50	
Shanklin, Arnold	"	"	825	49 50	20 00	69 50		69 50	69 50	278 00
Kuhns, Joseph H.	Ballut Abyad	Albuquerque, N. M.	1734	104 04	20 00	124 04	142 00	124 04	124 04	124 04
Bell, William H.	Ben Hur	Austin, Tex.	1398	54 00	20 00	74 00	74 00	74 00	74 00	74 00

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

Starr, George W.	Boumi	Baltimore, Md.	412	24 72	20 00	44 72	142 00	44 72	44 72	
Hatter, Charles W.	"	"	412	24 72	20 00	44 72		44 72	44 72	
Cunningham, William J.	"	"	412	24 72	20 00	44 72		44 72	44 72	134 16
Armatage, Charles H.	Cyprus	Albany, N.Y.	480	28 80	20 00	48 80	142 00	48 80	48 80	
Bishop, Thomas J.	"	"	480	28 80	20 00	48 80		48 80	48 80	97 60
Loder, George F.	Damascus	Rochester, N.Y.	252	15 12	20 00	35 12	154 00	35 12	35 12	
Shedd, Fred E.	"	"	252	15 12	20 00	35 12		35 12	35 12	
Hill, P. Kirtz	"	"	252	15 12	20 00	35 12		35 12	35 12	105 36
Vick Roy, Alonzo F.	El Jebel	Denver, Col.	1391	34 25	20 00	54 25	217 00	54 25	54 25	
Nicholl, Thomas	"	"	1391	34 25	20 00	54 25		54 25	54 25	
Whiteley, R. H.	"	"	1391	34 25	20 00	54 25		54 25	54 25	
McGaffey, Albert B.	"	"	1391	34 25	20 00	54 25		54 25	54 25	217 00
Geiger, John W.	El Kahir	Cedar Rapids, Ia.	576	34 56	20 00	54 56	434 00	54 56	54 56	
French, Chas. H.	"	"	576	34 56	20 00	54 56		54 56	54 56	
Brown, Austin D.	"	"	576	34 56	20 00	54 56		54 56	54 56	
Rizer, M. S.	"	"	576	34 56	20 00	54 56		54 56	54 56	218 24
Kennan, Henry L.	El Katif	Spokane, Wash.	2236	114 00	20 00	134 00	134 00	134 00	134 00	134 00
Kittredge, A. B.	El Riad	Sioux Falls, S.D.	904	13 00	20 00	33 00	99 00	33 00	33 00	
Burnside, George W.	"	"	904	13 00	20 00	33 00		33 00	33 00	
Burkholder, W. R.	"	"	904	13 00	20 00	33 00		33 00	33 00	99 00
Smith, Walter W.	El Zagal	Fargo, N.D.	1008	47 00	20 00	67 00	134 00	67 00	67 00	
McFadden, W. C.	"	"	1008	47 00	20 00	67 00		67 00	67 00	134 00
Eastman, Charles S.	Hamasa	Meridian, Miss.	897	53 82	20 00	73 82	86 00	73 82	73 82	73 82
Kneply, Lewis M.	Hella	Dallas, Tex.	1259	32 00	20 00	52 00	104 00	52 00	52 00	
Green, George H.	"	"	1259	32 00	20 00	52 00		52 00	52 00	104 00
Reed, Frank H.	India	Oklahoma, O.T.	1215	59 00	20 00	79 00	79 00	79 00	79 00	79 00
Raeder, William L.	Irem	Wilkesbarre, Pa.	455	27 30	20 00	47 30	166 00	47 30	47 30	47 30
Wellington, Edward W.	Isis	Salina, Kan.	1011	51 00	20 00	71 00	284 00	71 00	71 00	
Merrill, John F.	"	"	1011	51 00	20 00	71 00		71 00	71 00	
Kimball, James A.	"	"	1011	51 00	20 00	71 00		71 00	71 00	
Wharton, Edward A.	"	"	1011	51 00	20 00	71 00		71 00	71 00	284 00
Field, Charles L.	Islam	San Francisco, Cal.	2712	162 72	20 00	182 72	206 00	182 72	182 72	182 72
Gilbert, Frank T.	Ismailia	Buffalo, N.Y.	183	10 98	20 00	30 98	263 00	30 98	30 98	
Brown, George L.	"	"	183	10 98	20 00	30 98		30 98	30 98	
Knight, Erasmus C.	"	"	183	10 98	20 00	30 98		30 98	30 98	32 94
Lambert, Richard	Jerusalem	New Orleans, La.	1093	36 00	20 00	56 00	56 00	56 00	56 00	56 00
White, George F.	Kaaba	Davenport, Ia.	540	32 40	20 00	52 40	573 00	52 40	52 40	
Soller, John	"	"	540	32 40	20 00	52 40		52 40	52 40	
Titus, George M.	"	"	540	32 40	20 00	52 40		52 40	52 40	
Darling, Cyrus T.	"	"	540	32 40	20 00	52 40		52 40	52 40	
Landon, Mills H.	Kismet	Brooklyn, N.Y.	623	37 38	20 00	57 38	230 00	57 38	57 38	209 60
Stump, Clarence E.	"	"	623	37 38	20 00	57 38		57 38	57 38	
		Carried forward		\$2,682 82	\$1,460 00	\$4,142 82	\$6,467 00	\$4,142 82	\$4,142 82	\$4,028 06

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<i>Brought forward</i>				\$2,682 82	\$1,460 00	\$4,142 82	\$6,467 00	\$4,142 82	\$4,142 82	\$4,028 06
Mason, Frank C.	Kismet	Brooklyn, N.Y.	623	37 38	20 00	57 38		57 38	57 38	172 14
Babbitt, J. Frank	Kora	Lewiston, Me.	830	49 80	20 00	69 80	169 00	69 80	69 80	
Libbey, Charles E.	"	"	830	49 80	20 00	69 80		69 80	69 80	139 60
Davis, John C.	Korein	Rawlins, Wyo.	1569	26 00	20 00	46 00	46 00	46 00	46 00	46 00
Ryan, William	Kosair	Louisville, Ky.	373	22 38	20 00	42 38	168 00	42 38	42 38	42 38
Woodward, Arthur H.	Lu Lu	Philadelphia, Pa.	535	32 10	20 00	52 10	569 00	52 10	52 10	
Jordan, Edward B.	"	"	535	32 10	20 00	52 10		52 10	52 10	
Leibrandt, Fred	"	"	535	32 10	20 00	52 10		52 10	52 10	
Shaffer, Phillip C.	"	"	535	32 10	20 00	52 10		52 10	52 10	208 40
Ellison, Saram R.	Mecca	New York, N.Y.	623	37 38	20 00	57 38	899 00	57 38	57 38	
Millar, George W.	"	"	623	37 38	20 00	57 38		57 38	57 38	
McGee, James	"	"	623	37 38	20 00	57 38		57 38	57 38	
Peters, Augustus W.	"	"	623	37 38	20 00	57 38		57 38	57 38	229 52
Drake, Chester T.	Medinah	Chicago, Ill.	357	21 42	20 00	41 42	854 00	41 42	41 42	
Johnson, Robert M.	"	"	357	21 42	20 00	41 42		41 42	41 42	
Roundy, Frank C.	"	"	357	21 42	20 00	41 42		41 42	41 42	
Johnston, William	"	"	357	21 42	20 00	41 42		41 42	41 42	165 68
Sessions, William B.	Media	Watertown, N.Y.	511	30 66	20 00	50 66	152 00	50 66	50 66	
McCord, Willis G.	"	"	511	30 66	20 00	50 66		50 66	50 66	
Eggleston, Danford G.	"	"	511	30 66	20 00	50 66		50 66	50 66	151 98
Henthorne, George F.	Mohammed	Peoria, Ill.	518	31 08	20 00	51 08	202 00	51 08	51 08	51 08
Browne, Joseph S.	Moila	St. Joseph, Mo.	846	50 76	20 00	70 76	293 00	70 76	70 76	
Boyd, James W.	"	"	846	50 76	20 00	70 76		70 76	70 76	141 52
Nelson, Benjamin F.	Moolah	St. Louis, Mo.	548	32 88	20 00	52 88	258 00	52 88	52 88	
Smith, Fred'k A.	"	"	548	32 88	20 00	52 88		52 88	52 88	
Stitel, Otto F.	"	"	548	32 88	20 00	52 88		52 88	52 88	
Matthews, Geo. T.	"	"	548	32 88	20 00	52 88		52 88	52 88	211 52
Chadwick, Bingham H.	Morocco	Jacksonville, Fla.	1088	40 00	20 00	60 00	60 00	60 00	60 00	60 00
Bailey, William M.	Moslem	Detroit, Mich.	178	11 68	20 00	31 68	375 00	31 68	31 68	
Harris, Ed R.	"	"	178	11 68	20 00	31 68		31 68	31 68	

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Burt, Lou	Moslem	Detroit, Mich.	178	11 68	20 00	31 68		31 68	31 68	
Beck, Charles F.	"	"	178	11 68	20 00	31 68		31 68	31 68	126 72
Hall, Alfred A.	Mt. Sinai	Montpelier, Vt.	668	40 08	20 00	60 08	200 00	60 08	60 08	
Whipp, Laurien B.	"	"	668	40 08	20 00	60 08		60 08	60 08	
Daley, Olin W.	"	"	668	40 08	20 00	60 08		60 08	60 08	180 24
Brush, John T.	Murat	Indianapolis, Ind.	283	16 98	20 00	36 98	175 00	36 98	36 98	
Smith, Joseph W.	"	"	283	16 98	20 00	36 98		36 98	36 98	
McGaffey, Henry H.	"	"	283	16 98	20 00	36 98		36 98	36 98	
Brown, Chalmers,	"	"	283	16 98	20 00	36 98		36 98	36 98	1,147 92
Liddell, Walter S.	Oasis	Charlotte, N.C.	833	46 00	20 00	66 00	66 00	66 00	66 00	66 00
Schneider, Henry,	Oriental	Troy, N.Y.	480	28 80	20 00	48 80	292 00	48 80	48 80	
Colcord, J. Marshall,	"	"	480	28 80	20 00	48 80		48 80	48 80	
Wells, Fred M.	"	"	480	28 80	20 00	48 80		48 80	48 80	
Clary, David R.	"	"	480	28 80	20 00	48 80		48 80	48 80	195 20
Wolff, Matthew R.	Osiris,	Wheeling, W. Va.	152	9 12	20 00	29 12	240 00	29 12	29 12	
Riheldoffer, J. C.	"	"	152	9 12	20 00	29 12		29 12	29 12	58 24
Wright, William H. S.	Osman	St. Paul, Minn.	757	45 42	20 00	65 42	132 00	65 42	65 42	
Hope, Henry C.	"	"	757	45 42	20 00	65 42		65 42	65 42	
Lawless, James F.	"	"	757	45 42	20 00	65 42		65 42	65 42	196 26
Burnham, George H.	Palestine	Providence, R.I.	725	34 00	20 00	54 00	216 00	54 00	54 00	
Blanchard, Horace K.	"	"	725	34 00	20 00	54 00		54 00	54 00	
Anthony, Albert L.	"	"	725	34 00	20 00	54 00		54 00	54 00	
Shepley, George L.	"	"	725	34 00	20 00	54 00		54 00	54 00	216 00
Stirling, Hugh,	Pyramid	Bridgeport, Conn.	663	39 78	20 00	59 78	342 00	59 78	59 78	
Beecher, Thad B.	"	"	663	39 78	20 00	59 78		59 78	59 78	
Hoadley, Charles E.	"	"	663	39 78	20 00	59 78		59 78	59 78	
Gale, Charles W.	"	"	663	39 78	20 00	59 78		59 78	59 78	239 12
Rake, J. Lew,	Rajah	Reading, Pa.	504	30 24	20 00	50 24	296 00	50 24	50 24	
Haak, George E.	"	"	504	30 24	20 00	50 24		50 24	50 24	100 48
Collins, Henry A.	Rameses	Toronto, Can.	290	17 40	20 00	37 40	80 00	37 40	37 40	
Marsh, John T.	Sahara	Pine Bluff, Ark.	936	56 16	20 00	76 16	121 00	76 16	76 16	76 16
Slanker, G. D.	Salaam	Olney, Ill.	486	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00
Winsor, Lou B.	Saladin	Grand Rapids, Mich.	331	19 86	20 00	39 86	232 00	39 86	39 86	
Pink, Charles E.	"	"	331	19 86	20 00	39 86		39 86	39 86	
Wolcott, John A.	"	"	331	19 86	20 00	39 86		39 86	39 86	
Udley, Jay D.	"	"	331	19 86	20 00	39 86		39 86	39 86	159 44
Simmons, George H.	Sesostris	Lincoln, Neb.	912	38 50	20 00	58 50	117 00	58 50	58 50	
Benedict, Fred J.	"	"	912	38 50	20 00	58 50		58 50	58 50	117 00
Brown, William S.	Syria	Pittsburgh, Pa.	150	9 00	20 00	29 00	354 00	29 00	29 00	
Walker, William H.	"	"	150	9 00	20 00	29 00		29 00	29 00	
Kerr, James, Jr.	"	"	150	9 00	20 00	29 00		29 00	29 00	
Holmes, Americus V.	"	"	150	9 00	20 00	29 00		29 00	29 00	
Carried forward				\$4,800 06	\$2,890 00	\$7,690 06	\$13,385 00	\$7,690 06	\$7,690 06	\$7,574 06

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		<i>Brought forward</i>		\$4,800 06	\$2,890 00	\$7,690 06	\$13,385 00	\$7,690 06	\$7,690 06	\$7,574 06
Hudson, Thomas J.	Syria	Pittsburg, Pa.	150	9 00	20 00	29 00		29 00	29 00	145 00
Goodale, Levi C.	Syrian	Cincinnati, O.	263	15 78	20 00	35 78	469 00	35 78	35 78	
Bromwell, Jacob H.	"	" "	263	15 78	20 00	35 78		35 78	35 78	
Buchwalter, Morris L.	"	" "	263	15 78	20 00	35 78		35 78	35 78	
Andrews, Allen,	"	" "	263	15 78	20 00	35 78		35 78	35 78	
Melish, William B.	"	" "	263	15 78	20 00	35 78		35 78	35 78	178 90
Akin, Henry C.	Tangier	Omaha, Neb.	857	18 50	20 00	38 50	154 00	38 50	38 50	
Stevens, E. A.	"	" "	857	18 50	20 00	38 50		38 50	38 50	
Rhoades, Ira O.	"	" "	857	18 50	20 00	38 50		38 50	38 50	
Rose, Philip M.	"	" "	857	18 50	20 00	38 50		38 50	38 50	154 00
Atkinson, George R.	Tebala	Rockford, Ill.	443	26 58	20 00	46 58	78 00	46 58	46 58	46 58
Reckmeyer, William	Tripoli	Milwaukee, Wis.	442	26 52	20 00	46 52	161 00	46 52	46 52	
Brazier, William H.	"	" "	442	26 52	20 00	46 52		46 52	46 52	93 04
Pearce, W. J.	Zamora	Birmingham, Ala.	744	44 04	20 00	64 04	68 00	64 04	64 04	64 04
Stern, Joseph A.	Zem Zem	Erie, Pa.	95	5 70	20 00	25 70	192 00	25 70	25 70	
Bassett, Frank J.	"	" "	95	5 70	20 00	25 70		25 70	25 70	51 40
Cloher, William H., Jr.	Ziyara	Utica, N.Y.	385	23 10	20 00	43 10	158 00	43 10	43 10	
Scheehl, Jacob	"	" "	385	23 10	20 00	43 10		43 10	43 10	86 20
Schlener, John A.	Zuhrah	Minneapolis, Minn.	767	46 02	20 00	66 02	281 00	66 02	66 02	
Hartley, Roland H.	"	" "	767	46 02	20 00	66 02		66 02	66 02	
Hudson, Joseph B.	"	" "	767	46 02	20 00	66 02		66 02	66 02	198 06
		Totals		\$5,281 88	\$3,310 00	\$8,591 88	\$14,946 00	\$8,591 88	\$8,591 88	\$8,591 88

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The Imperial Potentate announced as the Committee on Time and Place of next Session

THOMAS J. HUDSON,	RICHARD LOCKEY,
M. S. RIZER,	FRED PLEASANTS,
JAMES A. DAVIS,	

who presently reported as follows:—

Your committee appointed to fix time and place of meeting of the Imperial Council in 1897, beg leave to report. We recommend that the Twenty-third Annual Session be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 8 and 9, 1897, in the City of Detroit, Mich.

Upon motion the report was accepted and after substituting June 8 and 9, 1897, in place of September, was adopted.

Making the time of Twenty-third Session June 8 and 9, 1897, and the place Detroit, Mich.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

To the Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine:

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts report that they have carefully examined the books, vouchers and accounts of the Imperial Recorder and find them to be correct.

There have been collected the following amounts:—

On account of dues	\$4,500 00
On account of fees	10,850 00
From all other sources	648 96
Total to April 30, 1896	\$15,998 96
Paid to Imperial Treasurer	\$15,998 96

We find upon examination of the books and vouchers of the Imperial Treasurer as follows:—

Balance on hand April 30, 1895	\$8,868 16
Received from Imperial Recorder	15,998 96
Received on account of interest	90 52
Received on account of error in check	20
Total	\$24,967 84
Disbursed on account of warrants No. 81 to 106 inclusive	15,165 62
Balance in hands of Imperial Treasurer, April 30, 1896	\$9,802 22

The bank book shows the balance on hand to the credit of the Imperial Treasurer at the close of business April 30, 1896, to be \$9,802.22.

Your committee cannot too highly commend the Imperial Recorder for the neatness and accuracy with which all his books, records and accounts have been kept. His labors during the year have been increased somewhat, but his faithfulness and fidelity have not been wanting. We recommend, That the salary of the Imperial Recorder be fixed at \$200 per month, this amount to include office rent, clerical assistance and the engrossing of diplomas.

We recommend, That the sum of \$1,000 be appropriated, from which the Imperial Potentate may draw from time to time, to cover expenses in the discharge of his official duties.

We commend the Imperial Treasurer for his faithfulness and efficiency. We recommend, That the Imperial Treasurer hereafter be required to furnish the certificate of the cashier of the bank of deposit, showing the amount of balance on hand at the close of business on the last day of the fiscal year. This, with the reports of the Imperial Recorder, Imperial Treasurer and the Finance Committee, will make a complete statement of the finances of the Imperial Council.

We recommend that six hundred copies of the proceedings of this session of the Imperial Council be printed and distributed in the same manner as heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. NELSON,
G. F. WHITE,
THOMAS WATERMAN,
W. M. BAILEY,
EDWARD W. WELLINGTON,

Committee on Finance and Accounts.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendations adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TESTIMONIAL TO PAST IMPERIAL POTENTATE W. B. MELISH.

To the Imperial Potentate and Nobles of the Imperial Council, N.M.S.:

NOBLES: Your committee appointed at the last session of this Imperial Council to procure and present, on its behalf, a suitable Past Imperial Potentate's jewel, and such other testimonial as might be selected by this committee, to Past Imperial Potentate Wm. B. Melish, begs leave to report that, in accordance with the instructions of your Imperial body, it procured a Past Imperial Potentate's jewel of the form

and material prescribed by the rules of the Imperial Council, and that on the 22d day of February, 1896, in the presence of some fifteen hundred Nobles of Syrian Temple and their guests assembled in Pike's Opera House, in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, the jewel was formally presented to Noble Melish by Noble Bromwell, as chairman of this committee, in a few congratulatory remarks, to which Noble Melish made a response in his usually happy manner amid the applause of the assembled Nobles.

The committee, as the further testimonial to be selected, expended the balance of the authorized appropriation upon a handsome assortment of table ware, consisting of silver, cut glass and china, and presented the same to Noble Melish and his estimable wife, at their handsome residence in Clifton, Ohio.

Your committee having fully discharged the purposes for which it was appointed, asks that it may now be discharged.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. BROMWELL,
MORRIS L. BUCHWALTER,
LEVI C. GOODALE,
ALLEN ANDREWS,

Special Committee.

The report was accepted and the request of the committee complied with.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council, A.A.O.N.M.S.:

Your Committee on Dispensations and Charters have carefully considered all matters brought before them and desire to present the following report:—

1. Dispensation having been granted El Zaribah Temple, Phoenix, Arizona, we recommend that charter be issued.
2. Dispensation having been issued to Sphinx Temple, Hartford, Conn., we recommend that charter be granted, giving them such jurisdiction in the State of Connecticut as their representative and the representatives of Pyramid Temple have agreed upon in writing at this meeting, same being filed with this report.
3. Your committee deem it for the best interest of the Order that prayer for dispensations from the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Savannah, Ga., under the name of Alee Temple, and from the Nobles of

the Mystic Shrine at Boise City, Idaho, under the name of El Korah Temple, be granted.

4. Your committee further report, after a full investigation of the application for a dispensation to open a Temple at Charleston, West Va., that the same be granted under the name of Beni Kedem Temple, with concurrent jurisdiction in the State.

EDWARD B. JORDAN,
F. C. ROUNDY,
J. F. LAWLESS,
CLARENCE E. STUMP,
J. S. W. SMITH,
Committee.

*To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations of the Imperial Council,
N.M.S.*

Jurisdictional lines between Pyramid Temple and Sphinx Temple, U.D., have been agreed upon as follows:—

PYRAMID TEMPLE.

New Haven Commandery No. 2, Clinton Commandery No. 3, Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Palestine Commandery No. 6 and Crusader Commandery No. 10.

SPHINX TEMPLE.

Washington Commandery No. 1, Columbian Commandery No. 4, Clark Commandery No. 7, Syrene Commandery No. 8, St. John's Commandery No. 11.

CONCURRENT JURISDICTION.

St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, excepting the town of Berlin, which shall belong to Sphinx Temple.

We respectfully request that the jurisdictions above specified be stated in the charter of Sphinx Temple and fully appear upon the records of the Imperial Council; and the representatives of Pyramid Temple also respectfully request your committee to recommend to the Imperial Council, the granting of a charter to Sphinx Temple.

HUGH STIRLING,
THAD. B. BEECHER,
CARLETON E. HOADLEY,
CHAS. W. GALE,
Representatives of Pyramid Temple.

FRANK D. MAY,
For Sphinx Temple, U.D.

COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of this Imperial Body:

Your Committee on Necrology beg leave to report, That it is with unfeigned pleasure we announce that death has not entered the ranks of this Imperial Body during the past year.

We recommend the sympathy of this Imperial Body be and is hereby tendered to its subordinate Temples where death has entered its oasis.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. RYAN,
L. M. KNEFFLY,
WM. H. WALKER,
ROLAND H. HARTLEY,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON JURISDICTION OF AHMED TEMPLE OF MARQUETTE, MICH.

Your special committee appointed to examine and report upon the petition of Ahmed Temple of Marquette for sole jurisdiction in the upper peninsula of Michigan do, after a full hearing of all Temples in interest, unanimously report as follows:—

We find that an agreement by all parties concerned for concurrent jurisdiction was the basis of the consent of Moslem and Saladin Temples for the granting of a charter to Ahmed Temple as reported by the committee therefor to the Imperial Council. We hold that such agreement (without any extraordinary and unforeseen conditions since occurring) is binding upon each of the three Temples (for good faith is one of the brightest jewels of our royal crown) until all concurrent Temples waive their right therein. But your committee is pleased to report that Moslem Temple of Detroit and Saladin Temple of Grand Rapids, through their representatives, generously grant the request of Ahmed Temple, and waive all the rights as founded on such charter agreement, and therefore, with the fraternal consent of all the Nobles and Temples in interest, do recommend the enactment of the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That Ahmed Temple have sole and exclusive jurisdiction in the upper peninsula, and surrender in lieu therefor all concurrent jurisdiction in lower peninsula or the rest of the State of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That Moslem Temple of Detroit and Saladin of Grand Rapids, have concurrent jurisdiction in the lower peninsula or the rest of Michigan.

Respectfully and fraternally,

MORRIS L. BURKHARDT,
GEORGE H. BURNHAM,
GEORGE H. SIMMONS,
FRANK H. THOMAS,
ARNOLD SHANKLIN,

Committee.

The report of the committee was approved and adopted.

Special Committee on Rameses Temple reported as follows : —

RAMESES TEMPLE OF TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA.

Your special committee, appointed to hear and determine all matters as to the jurisdiction of Rameses Temple of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, report as follows : —

After a full hearing of all parties in interest, presenting themselves before us, we unanimously find, that Rameses Temple was founded, under dispensation, April 21, 1887, and received its charter June 21, 1888, without any specific declaration as to its jurisdiction. At that time, however, the present civil governmental divisions existed, by which Ontario was one of the several provinces forming the Dominion of Canada.

We further find that Ontario and the several provinces of the Dominion of Canada and the crown colonies formed separate political territorial divisions, each having executive, legislative and judicial powers, exercising supreme governmental functions in all provincial matters.

Inter-provincial or so-called Federal matters being vested in the government of the Dominion of Canada (except as to the crown colonies of Newfoundland and Labrador).

It will therefore clearly appear that the provinces bear nearly the same relation to each other and the government of the Dominion of Canada, that our States and Territories and District of Columbia bear to each other and the Federal Government of the United States.

We further find that it is a fundamental principle of Masonry, that her sole jurisdictions conform to the political and civil governmental jurisdiction and boundaries.

This we find to be the universal rule, as was recognized in the matter of the British Provinces in North America, when the Grand Lodge of England finally recognized the Grand Lodge of Canada upon Canada

becoming a single province; and again in the general Masonic recognition of the new Grand Lodge of Quebec when Canada was divided into the two provinces of Ontario and Quebec for civil governmental purposes.

When, therefore, Section 1, Article XIV. of our Imperial Constitution, in stipulating the jurisdiction of subordinate Temples "provided, that in no case can it extend beyond the limits of the *State, Territory or District* in which it is located, it meant to include province, crown colony and any like separate political and governmental division, and did not mean, that any subordinate Temple could have sole jurisdiction in the whole of the Dominion of Canada, or of the whole of the British possessions of North America, any more than it could mean to have the sole jurisdiction of the whole of the United States."

It is proper to remember that our name is "The Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of *North America*" (and not of Canada and of the United States).

Your committee therefore find and report that *Rameses Temple of Toronto, Canada*, has sole jurisdiction only in the Province of Ontario.

Even if this were not the true construction of our Jurisdictional law your committee, by a like unanimous opinion, find and report, that the welfare of our Order in North America requires that we should not exact of Masons qualified to become members, travel hundreds and thousands of miles from their homes in the Western or Eastern provinces of the Dominion of Canada to Toronto, when they may conveniently do so by petitioning the Temples of their vicinity in the United States, from Tacoma, Washington, to Lewiston, Me. Otherwise we would practically debar the Masons of nearly all the provinces, except Ontario, from membership in our Order.

We are advised by Noble Collins, representative for *Rameses*, That *one* Noble from New Brunswick, *one* from Prince Edward Island, and none from the provinces of North West Territories, British Columbia, Manitoba, none from the colonies of Newfoundland and Labrador, are *members* of *Rameses Temple*.

We are further advised that all portions of the provinces of Quebec are nearer by lines of travel to Mount Sinai Temple of Vt., than any portion thereof to Toronto.

A number of letters from Past Masters of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and other eminent Masons, were submitted to us, asking that concurrent jurisdiction for that province be given or declared to be in Mount Sinai, Montpelier, Vt.

For these and other reasons we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, *The Imperial Council hereby declares that Rameses Temple of Toronto has sole jurisdiction in the province of Ontario, and that in the*

provinces of the Northwestern Territories, British Columbia, Manitoba, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and the lower colonies of Newfoundland and Labrador, it shall have concurrent jurisdiction, with the Temples of the United States, until such time as other Temples may be established by the Imperial Council therein.

Respectfully and fraternally,

MORRIS L. BUCHWALTER,
GEORGE H. BURNHAM,
GEORGE H. SIMMONS,
FRANK H. THOMAS,
ARNOLD SHANKLIN,

Committee.

The report was after full discussion accepted and adopted.

THANKS.

On motion, the thanks of the Imperial Council were extended to the tellers of election for their faithful services.

On motion of Noble Goodale of Syrian Temple, the thanks of the Imperial Body were heartily and cordially extended to the Nobility and citizens of Cleveland for their unbounded hospitality and kindness.

JEWEL FOR PAST IMPERIAL POTENTATE FIELD.

On motion, the sum of \$500 was appropriated to procure a Past Potentate's jewel for Imperial Potentate Field, and the Deputy Imperial Potentate appointed as a committee to attend to the same,

NOBLE EDWARD B. JORDAN,
NOBLE JAMES MCGEE,
NOBLE THAD. B. BEECHER.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

It is with feelings of the greatest pleasure that your Committee on Grievances and Appeals again have the privilege of reporting to the Imperial Council the fact, that no business has been brought before our committee.

Were it necessary to congratulate ourselves upon the harmony that pervades our Order, no better proof could be adduced than that this important committee has no duty to perform.

Your committee ask to be relieved from further duty.

Yours in the Faith,

SARAM R. ELLISON,
M. R. WOLFF,
HUGH STIRLING,
R. P. MARVIN,

Committee.

JURISDICTION OF INDIA TEMPLE.

The following communication was read by the Recorder, and on motion the request was refused.

OKLAHOMA CITY, O.T., March 26, 1896.

*To the Special Grievance Committee, acting under the Imperial Council,
A.A.O.N.M.S. for North America :*

Your petitioners would respectfully represent that they, if consistent with the rules and regulations of the Order, desire exclusive original jurisdiction of the territories of Oklahoma and Indian Territory, for the reason that we have only six Commanderies to draw material from, to wit: three in Oklahoma and three in the Indian Territory; that we are struggling to keep up, and, while we receive some material from the Indian Territory, any other Shrine has the same privilege, and we deem it but right that such request be granted until the Indian Territory shall establish a Temple therein.

LEE. VANWINKLE, *Potentate,*
FRANK HARRAH, *Recorder,*
D. D. LEACH, *Director,*
India Temple Committee.

SALARY OF IMPERIAL TREASURER.

On motion of Wm B. Melish, the following resolution was carried:
Resolved, That the compensation of the Imperial Treasurer be fixed at \$200 per year.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Ill. Chas L. Field, Past Imperial Potentate, assisted by Past Imperial Potentate Melish, then installed into their respective offices the officers elected.

There being no further business the Imperial Council adjourned at five o'clock P.M., to meet in Annual Session at Detroit, Michigan, on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 8 and 9, 1897.

RECORDS APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION.

This record of the Twenty-second Annual Session of the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, is approved for publication this twenty-fourth day of June, 1896.

Harrison Dingman.

Imperial Potentate.



Wm. Powell.

Imperial Recorder.

Necrology.

ENTERED THE UNSEEN TEMPLE.

Aleppo Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
ALLARD, ISAAC H.....*	— 1895
ATWOOD, CHARLES F.....*	— 1895
ALGER, ALPHEUS B.....*	— 1895
BICKNELL, ROBT. T.....*	— 1895
BROWN, ORAN	Nov. 10, 1895
FADEN, HARRY F.....*	— 1896
COFFIN, EDWARD D.....*	— 1895
CARLETON, CHAS. G.....*	— 1895
COLONY, ORMOND E.....	June 14, 1895
FOWLER, GEORGE H.....	Jan. 14, 1895
GALLUP, PEREZ O.....	Dec. 14, 1895
HILL, JAMES G.....	Feb. 11, 1896
HALE, WILLIAM B.....*	— 1895
JOHNSON, IVER.....	Sept. 3, 1895
KENDALL, WILLIAM H.....*	— 1895
PERKINS, LEVI.....	Dec. 15, 1895
RICH, SETH.....*	— 1895
ROBBINS, EDWARD.....*	— 1895
SMITH, JAMES M.....*	— 1895
TRIPP, CHARLES F.....	April 29, 1895
WHITMORE, JOHN A.....	Sept. 3, 1895
WOODWORTH, JUSTIN P.....	July 20, 1895
WOODCOCK, FRED H.....	June — 1895
NORTON, CHARLES W.....	May 8, 1895
WOOD, H. G.....	Oct. 18, 1895
DUNBAR, E. F.....	Feb. 21, 1896

Al Koran Temple.

ALBRIGHT, PETER G.....	May 13, 1895
BABCOCK, WM. A.....	Sept. 23, 1895
BEAVIS, JOHN.....	May 24, 1895
BRIDESTONE, GEORGE B.....	Oct. 10, 1895
CARREQIE, DAVID	May 30, 1895

* Date not reported.

NOBLE.	Date.
GIBBONS, JAMES.....	May 18, 1895
IRWIN, JOHN R.....	Aug. 12, 1895
JENKINS, NATHAN S.....	July 3, 1895
JOHNSON, JOHN R.....	*— — 1895
LORD, WILLIAM L.....	Oct. 31, 1895
MACK, ANDREW J.....	June 14, 1895
NORTON, JOHN A.....	Jan. 2, 1896
HERRICK, JOHN E....	March 1, 1896

Al Kader Temple.

AINSWORTH, GEORGE J.....	Oct. 20, 1895
DE LIN, A. P.....	Dec. 18, 1895

Algeria Temple.

JACOBS, SIMON.....	May 6, 1895
BLAINE, OLIVER P.....	July 10, 1895
LAMARTINE, ELLICK	Dec. 3, 1895

Al Malaikah Temple.

LIGHTNER, DANIEL W.....	July 31, 1895
MAGUIRE, JOHN FRANCIS.....	Oct. 13, 1895
MILLARD, SPENCER G.....	Oct. 24, 1895

Ararat Temple.

WITHERS, WILLIAM.....	May 22, 1895
HARDWICKE, SAMUEL.....	July 18, 1895
BARNEY, NELSON M.....	Aug. 31, 1895
IRVIN, SAMUEL.....	Jan. 5, 1896
VEITCH, JAMES H.....	April 25, 1896

Aladdin Temple.

BELKNAP, SAMUEL C.....	July 5, 1895
CAMERON, CYRUS B.....	Aug. 10, 1895

Afifi Temple.

SHANNON, GEORGE D.....	Nov. —, 1895
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Abdallah Temple.

SMITH, ELI K.....	*— —, 1895
PETERSON, SAMUEL S.....	Nov. 27, 1895
BROWN, J. A	Dec —, 1895
HOPKINS, R. H.....	July 15, 1895
MAPES, FRANK.....	March 15, 1896

* Date not reported.

Almas Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
BOGAN, CHARLIE	Aug. 19, 1895
PEARSON, HENRY M	Sept. 30, 1895
LONGLEY, ABNER T	Feb. 23, 1896
STUMPH, CLAUDE N	April 14, 1896

Acca Temple.

ANDREWS, R. R.	* — —,
TURNER, WILLIAM E.	Feb. 16, 1896
McADAM, GEORGE B.	Feb. 23, 1896
ISAACS, W. B	June 9, 1895
REED, F. A	Aug. 23, 1895

Boumi Temple.

McCOUBRAY, THOS., JR.	Dec. 5, 1895
LEVY, C. V. S	Dec. 8, 1895
ISAACS, WILLIAM K	Jan. 11, 1895
BRYAN, N. B	March 26, 1895

Ben Hur Temple.

VAN TUYL, A	March —, 1895
HENDERSON, J. H	Sept. 9, 1895

Ballut Abyad Temple.

CODINGTON, ALMARION M	April 19, 1896
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Cyprus Temple.

JONES, ERASMUS D	Aug. 17, 1895
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Damascus Temple.

JONES, CLEMENT	Jan. 2, 1896
McKAY, JAMES S	March 30, 1896

El Riad Temple.

FISHER, W. R	May 10, 1895
McCULLUM, D. D	Aug. 5, 1895
STIFLER, REV. W. H	Aug. 8, 1895
NILES, E. A	* — —
CHAMBERLAIN, L. K	* — —
GILLETTE, H. B	Feb. 11, 1896
HURD, GEORGE W	March 18, 1896
GRAHAM, ROBERT	* — —

* Date not reported.

El Kahir Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
MORRILL, FRED S.....	May 5, 1895
EATON, CYRUS W.....	May 12, 1895
HAMILTON, JAMES W.....	Oct. 18, 1895
HOBART, H. J.....	Dec. 9, 1895
GRAHAM, CHARLES H.....	Dec. 31, 1895
BURBANK, THOMAS A.....	Jan. 7, 1896
NANDELL, PAUL.....	Jan. 20, 1896
HUSSEY, FRANK D.....	April 18, 1896
BOHN, LEANDER J.....	April 23, 1896

El Kalah Temple.

KELLER, EDGAR G.....	May 26, 1895
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El Jebel Temple.

McMILLAN, S. D.....	May 18, 1895
FLAVIN, M. W.....	June 8, 1896
VAN HORN, M. D.....	Aug. 14, 1895
ADAMS, CHARLES.....	Aug. 19, 1895
JENNER, C. W.....	Aug. 11, 1895
SCOTT, CHARLES E.....	Sept. 20, 1894
BURTIS, B. E.....	Dec. 11, 1895
WATKINS, L. A.....	Jan. 11, 1896
FREEMAN, E. L.....	Jan. 11, 1896
ADAMS, ARTHUR S.....	Jan. 14, 1896
MACON, WILLIAM P.....	Feb. 11, 1896
IJAMS, H. B.....	March 6, 1896

El Zagal Temple.

BOWERS, JOHN J.....	Oct. 12, 1895
BREWER, MARC A.....	Nov. 2, 1895

El Katif Temple.

ASHERFELTER, HARRY C.....	Dec. 3, 1895
BELLINGER, JOSEPH H.....	May 19, 1895
HAGAN, ALBERT.....	*— —,

Hella Temple.

AIKIN, JAMES.....	March 23, 1896
ALLEN, JACOB.....	March 26, 1896
KAUFMAN, EDWARD.....	March 5, 1895
LEWIS, H. L.....	April 18, 1895
LEWIS, MORRIS.....	April 2, 1896
DE NORMANDIE, ED. T. E.....	Jan. 6, 1896
PERRIN, WILLIAM R.....	June 8, 1895
SILVER, A. D. H.....	June 13, 1895

* Date not reported.

Hamasa Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
HARRIS, R. E.....	Oct. 19, 1895

Irem Temple.

GILCHRIST, JOHN W.....	Jan. 10, 1896
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India Temple.

JOHNSTON, JOSEPH.....	April 18, 1896
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Ismailia Temple.

REINING, JOHN, JR.....	May 15, 1895
LITTLE, JAMES	June 18, 1895
MATTHEWS, JOB J.....	*—— — 1895
CRANSTON, WILLIAM H.....	July 3, 1895
HODGE, JOHN.....	Aug. 7, 1895
PROUTY, WALLACE.....	Oct. 1, 1895
MASON, ARTHUR C.....	Jan. 8, 1896
BARKER, HENRY M.....	Jan. 18, 1896
BOND, ALFRED H.....	March 5, 1896
SMITH, HENRY W.....	March 30, 1896
ROGERS, E. G.....	*—— — 1895

Islam Temple.

MORGAN, E. B.....	June 23, 1895
HATCH, JAMES D.....	Aug. 7, 1895
COLEMAN, CARLETON.....	Oct. 19, 1895
EDWARDS, HENRY.....	Jan. 1, 1896
FARGO, J. B.....	Jan. 5, 1896
BRONNER, GEORGE F.....	Jan. 6, 1896
BROWN, A. PAGE.....	Jan. 21, 1896
SPEAR, G. L.....	April 30, 1896

Isis Temple.

ELLIS, HENRY A.....	Aug. 10, 1895
SMITH, JOSEPH	Sept. 2, 1895
DODGE, ALLEN L.....	Nov. 23, 1895
CRAMER, WILLIAM H.....	Dec. 9, 1895
BURDETTE, HENRY M.....	Jan. 5, 1896
SELLS, GEORGE A.....	March 30, 1896

Jerusalem Temple.

WEST, WILLIAM Y.....	July 7, 1895
KELLS, CHARLES E.....	Feb. 7, 1896

* Date not reported.

Kora Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
TWITCHELL, JOHN Q.....	Feb. 29, 1896
LITTLE, HORACE C.....	* — —

Kaaba Temple.

AMBLER, R.....	Oct. 12, 1895
GILBAUGH, JOHN	May 4, 1895
HOAR, W. S.....	July 1, 1895
LLOYD, J. H.....	May 14, 1895
SMITH, C. W.....	May 1, 1895
STRONG, C. B.....	Feb. 27, 1896

Kismet Temple.

WEIR, JOHN.....	July 1, 1895
HART, G. E. B.....	July 21, 1895
OTTERE, FREDERICK	Aug. 9, 1895
PEARCE, HENRY G.....	Aug. 5, 1895
BENNETT, W. P.....	July 7, 1895
KOPP, F. L.....	Sept. 30, 1895
NATHAN, PHILIP.....	Oct. 31, 1895
VAN NAME, AARON.....	Nov. 27, 1895
RAPHAEL, ROBERT.....	Nov. 28, 1895
BLANCHARD, J. A.....	Jan. 28, 1896
CONOR, JAMES E.....	Jan. 27, 1896
PHILIPS, W. IRVING.....	March 1, 1896

Korein Temple.

MALTBY, ORLANDO.....	
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Kosair Temple.

PEARCE, E. E., Jr.....	* — —,
KUHBACHER, PAUL J.....	* — —,
GLOVER, A. G.....	* — —,
NEWMAN, S. K.....	* — —,
PEPPER, R. P., Jr.....	* — —,

Lu Lu Temple.

WILLIAMS, WILLIAM.....	July 23, 1895
ASHWORTH, HENRY.....	Aug. 17, 1895
FIRENG, GEORGE W.....	Sept. 14, 1895
RISHEL, LEANDER K.....	May 20, 1895
MCLEOD, A. J.....	Sept. 18, 1895
WALLACE, JAMES P.....	Sept. 30, 1895

*Date not reported.

NOBLE.	Date.
MILLICK, WILLIAM T.....	Oct. 20, 1895
SUTTON, WILLIAM N.....	Oct. 21, 1895
FOGG, ISAAC S.....	Nov. 23, 1895
WATT, HARRY C.....	Nov. 26, 1895
JENNINGS, WALTER S.....	Nov. 15, 1895
CAREY, THEODORE C.....	Dec. 24, 1895
BARNETT, GEORGE.....	Jan. 7, 1896
PRATT, ALVIN H.....	Jan. 15, 1896
SCHUYLER, JOHN, JR.....	Jan. 31, 1896
BOWERS, T. B.....	Feb. 11, 1896
KERK, AUGUSTUS F.....	March 15, 1896
LIGHT, AUGUST.....	April 6, 1896
MATTERN, WILLIAM K.....	April 11, 1896
WERTZ, DAVID A.....	April 13, 1896
GARTSIDE, AMOS.....	May 5, 1895
DOLTON, WILLIAM.....	May 12, 1895
HEWLETT, CHARLES H.....	May 14, 1895
HARMON, THEODORE H.....	May 18, 1895
RUDOLPH, WILMER J.....	May 20, 1895
FOREPAUGH, JOHN A.....	June 8, 1895
GLAZIER, WILLIAM H.....	July 21, 1895

Mt. Sinai Temple.

CARLETON, N. W.....	May 30, 1895
TAYLOR, JAMES E.....	Dec. 15, 1895
WARDWELL, GEORGE J.....	Dec. 19, 1895
SPENCER, T. C.....	Jan. 28, 1896
DANIEL, WILLIAM.....	Feb. 18, 1896

Medinah Temple.

JOHNSON, WILLIAM A.....	Feb. 11, 1895
LOVE, J. G.....	March 24, 1895
JONES, ALBERT H.....	May 5, 1895
ORTMAYER, CARL G.....	June 8, 1895
CHAPIN, G. S.....	Feb. 4, 1895
HALL, HARRY W.....	July 14, 1895
BONNER, JOHN.....	Aug. 2, 1895
RENWICK, GEORGE W.....	Aug. 29, 1895
MCCARTY, W. W.....	Oct. 19, 1895
COLE, GEORGE W.....	Oct. 29, 1895
TELLING, JOHN.....	Nov. 17, 1895
BASSETT, IRA.....	Dec. 18, 1895
JOHNSTON, ADAM H.....	Feb. 10, 1896
LOCKE, EDWARD G.....	Feb. 18, 1896

Noble.	Date.
ROBINSON, DAVID.....	Jan. 10, 1896
STEELE, SAMUEL A.....	Jan. 17, 1896
CHAMBERLAIN, CHARLES	March 18, 1896
EDBROOKE, W. J.....	March 25, 1896

Media Temple.

SPENCER, HENRY V.....	May 9, 1895
ALLEN, GEORGE W.....	May 12, 1895
WARNER, JOEL S.....	Dec. 28, 1895
VICKERY, GEORGE W.....	April 13, 1896
TALLMAN, FRANCIS J.....	March 7, 1896

Mecca Temple.

BLANKENHORN, EDWARD.....	April 9, 1895
HARRISON, ROBT. C.....	May 11, 1895
GORHAM, JOHN J.....	May 11, 1895
WOLFF, BERNARD W.....	April * — 1895
PORTEOUS, JAMES G.....	May 11, 1895
CLIFFORD, ROBT. H.....	May 26, 1895
LIVINGSTON, WILLIAM.....	May 29, 1895
ALGEO, ALEXANDER.....	Aug. 19, 1895
GREENHALGE, JAMES C.....	Sept. 14, 1894
HARPER, EDWARD B.....	July 2, 1895
SHEPHARD, THOMAS H.....	July 24, 1895
McGOWAN, ANDREW.....	Aug. 18, 1895
GASTLIN, GEORGE W.....	Oct. 2, 1895
CURLEY, WILLIAM E.....	Oct. 30, 1895
McMAHON, WILLIAM P.....	Nov. 20, 1895
PEMBERTON, JOHN P.....	Nov. 9, 1895
GANON, JAMES M.....	Nov. 19, 1895
STONE, EDWARD H.....	Oct. 30, 1895
SKELLEN, GEORGE W.....	Dec. 10, 1895
WALKER, STILLMAN R.....	Dec. 11, 1895
LUKER, JAMES.....	Dec. 8, 1895
CARTER, HERMAN G.....	Dec. 6, 1895
EWING, ALEXANDER.....	Jan. 10, 1896
MINER, WILLIAM S.....	Jan. 21, 1896
OCEJO, MANUEL N.....	Jan. 24, 1896
BEARMORE, DEWITT B.....	Jan. 16, 1894
SYLVESTER, ROBT. B.....	Jan. 30, 1896
PIKE, SYLVESTER M.....	Jan. 21, 1896
LINDO, DAVID.....	March 7, 1896
GREEN, JOHN V. B.....	March 17, 1896
DOANE, CHILION F.....	Feb. 7, 1896

* Date not reported.

NOBLE.	Date.
CHITTENDEN, THOMAS H.....	Feb. 3, 1896
HOWELL, DAVID B.....	Feb. 21, 1896
BANKS, HENRY C.....	March 24, 1896
WADSWORTH, CONSTANT W.....	March 17, 1896
GREENE, WILLIAM L.....	March 10, 1896
ANDERSON, JOHN D.	March 28, 1896
COLLINS, JOHN F.....	March 29, 1896
RILEY, GEORGE P.....	April 3, 1896
SNYDAM, MANUEL A.....	April 19, 1896
HIGGINS, JAMES S.....	April 8, 1896

Moila Temple.

CLARK, PETER F.....	May 22, 1895
CLARK, ROBERT	Nov. 17, 1895
DRENNAN, GEORGE L.....	Jan. 23, 1896
ROE, WILLIAM C.....	Jan. 31, 1896
MCCOY, BENJAMIN W.....	Feb. 3, 1896
DOLMAN, JOHN O.....	Feb. 9, 1896

Moslem Temple.

CHARTERS, ROBERT.....	Feb. 13, 1896
EATON, CHARLES L.....	Feb. 27, 1895
DAYTON, J. C.....	Aug. 20, 1895
PEPPETT, GEORGE.....	Sept. 18, 1895
ULRICH, WILLIAM.....	Oct. 24, 1895
HUNT, CHARLES P.....	Oct. 24, 1895
MOORE, SANDS F.....	Nov. 10, 1895
MERRILL, H. M.....	Nov. 19, 1895
PEASE, CHARLES G.....	Nov. 26, 1895
STODDARD, N. F.....	Dec. 6, 1895
KNOPFEL, A. A.....	Dec. 23, 1895
AMBROASE, GEORGE F.....	* —
MORLEY, W. L.....	* —

Murat Temple.

ELDRIDGE, GEORGE R.....	May 28, 1895
HUNT, P. G. C.....	April 24, 1896
HOPP, ALBERT F.....	April 29, 1896

Moolah Temple.

BARNES, G. H.....	Jan. 12, 1896
GATES, M. L.....	Dec. 5, 1895
LINDSAY, L. F.....	June 10, 1895
LADD, J. A.....	March 16, 1896

* Date not reported.

NOBLE.	Date.
PETERS, C. C.....	Dec. 26, 1895
WUERTENBACHER, J.....	July 1, 1895
SLATTERY, D. P.....	April 20, 1896

Naja Temple.

SHURTS, JOHN C.....	Oct. 11, 1895
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Osman Temple.

McMICHAEL, G. C.....	Dec. 18, 1894
REDPATH, H.....	July 4, 1895
GRAHAM, T. B.....	Oct. 2, 1895
BRIGGS, H. E.....	Nov. 6, 1895
BOSTWICK, G. N.....	Nov. 27, 1895
DORAN, J. H.....	Nov. 19, 1885
PORTER, J. H.....	*— —,
WHITED, C. A.....	Dec, 11, 1895
WOOD, G. W.....	Jan. 5, 1896
BOYD, J. D.....	Nov. 6, 1895

Osiris Temple.

REX, FRANK.....	Oct. 18, 1895
FISHER, W. S.....	Oct. 24, 1895
EVANS, JOSEPH H.....	Jan. 3, 1896

Oriental Temple.

STILLMAN, S. L.....	Oct. 9, 1895
THURMAN, RALPH.....	March 20, 1896
GEER, GILBERT, JR.....	March 26, 1896
BROWN, CHARLES L.....	April 1, 1896
MOODY, DEXTER.....	April 29, 1896

Pyramid Temple.

DOWNES, W. S.....	Feb. 4, 1896
FAMES, H. L.....	*July — 1895
HORTON, WILFRED E.....	Jan. 6, 1896
GILLETT, A. B.....	*Oct. — 1895
HADLEY, J. A.....	Oct. 21, 1895
PLACE, GEORGE B.....	Dec. 3, 1895
POOLE, JOSEPH J.....	Nov. 10, 1895
SHANNON, E. W.....	Dec. 25, 1893
GARVIE, GEORGE D.....	March 16, 1896
BIDMEAD, JOSEPH.....	Oct. 25, 1895

* Date not reported.

Palestine Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
BUTTERWORTH, A. D.....	*— —, 1892
McINTOSH, ROBERT	*— —,
WALTON, J. C.....	*— —,
WORD, ANDREW F.....	April 6, 1891
HUDSON, HENRY J.....	*— —,
MOWRY, CHARLES S	*— —,
CHAMPLIN, ALBERT R.....	April 7, 1895
HORTEN, OREN S.....	Oct. 26, 1895
DAVIS, DARIUS B.....	Dec. 26, 1895
OSGOOD, EVERETT R.....	Feb. 26, 1896

Rajah Temple.

TYSON, HENRY A.....	Sept. 13, 1895
WEIDMAN, GRANT.....	Nov. 11, 1895
WANNER, HOWARD P.....	Dec. 17, 1895
ROWE, WILLIAM G	Jan. 5, 1896

Saladin Temple.

CONKLIN, DU BOIS.....	Oct. 22, 1895
DOWLING, GEORGE E.....	March 30, 1896
DAY, LOREN	May 2, 1895
JEMSON, FRANK A.....	Nov. 14, 1895
McKNIGHT, ROBERT B.....	Nov. 27, 1895
PAUTLIND, GEORGE E.....	March 23, 1896
ROSS, BENJAMIN B.....	July 25, 1893

Sahara Temple.

NAUCK, CHARLES F. C.....	Jan. 30, 1896
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Syrian Temple.

HART, ROYAL C.....	June 17, 1895
INEN, ALLEN.....	May 4, 1895
JONES, CLARENCE H.....	Feb. 24, 1896
SPEAR, HENRY.....	April 4, 1896
WESBY, THOMAS W.....	Aug. 4, 1895
WIGGINS, H. J.....	Feb. 17, 1896

Syria Temple.

BIERER, ZACHARIAH P.....	Oct. 13, 1895
LOCKHART, ROBERT, JR.....	*— —,
ALLEN, JOHN W.....	*— —,
CLARK, GEORGE W.....	Feb. 14, 1896
RODGERS, ALONZO.....	*— —,
PRICE, KENNEDY.....	April 12, 1896

* Date not reported.

Sesostris Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
GUILD, HENRY A.....	June 29, 1895
WHITE, CHARLES C.....	Sept. 20, 1895

Tangier Temple.

MARSHALL, MARTIN M.....	July 24, 1895
GALLAHER, JOHN M.....	Aug. 10, 1895
TINSELY, HENRY R.....	Nov. 18, 1895
GRIFFITHS, BRISCOE P.....	March 2, 1896

Tebala Temple.

UTTER, C. M.....	May 20, 1895
STETSON, F. O. A.....	June 30, 1895
WEBBER, JOHN	Dec. 22, 1895

Tripoli Temple.

HARRIS, MADISON W.....	*Jan. — 1896
KEITH, CHARLES.....	Nov. 26, 1895
PHIPPS, WILLIAM.....	Oct. 16, 1895

Yaarab Temple

PARKS, JOHN W.....	*June — 1895
PRIOLEAN, WM. F.....	*Feb. — 1896
PEPPER, M. M.....	*March — 1896

Zuhrah Temple.

TILESTON, GEO.....	Aug. 26, 1895
SUTHERLAND, D. R.....	April 24, 1896

Zamora Temple.

KIEHL, GEORGE.....	Sept. 2, 1895
CARR, J. K.....	Oct. 28, 1895
ZINSZER, PETER.....	Oct. 29, 1895

Ziyara Temple.

NICHOLS, CHARLES R.....	July 18, 1895
BALDWIN, D. R.....	July 24, 1895
CARPENTER, CHARLES W.....	March 16, 1896
RIDER, GEORGE.....	Jan. 28, 1896
BRINTNALL, P. L.....	July 18, 1895
SHUMWAY, FENNIMORE D.....	Jan. 4, 1896
SAGER, AARON.....	Dec. 17, 1895
BARRETT, VOLNEY B.....	July 25, 1896

* Date not reported.

STATES WITH TEMPLES.

JULY 1st, 1896.

State.	Temples.	Membership.
Alabama.....	Zamora Temple.....	131
Arkansas.....	Sahara Temple.....	216
Arizona.....	El Zaribah.....	53
California.....	Al Malaikah and Islam Temples....	1,068
Colorado.....	El Jebel Temple.....	792
Connecticut.....	Sphinx and Pyramid Temples....	1,161
District of Columbia.....	Almas Temple.....	735
Florida.....	Morocco Temple.....	79
Georgia.....	Alee and Yaarab Temples.....	221
Idaho.....	El Korah Temple	
Illinois.....	Medinah, Salaam, Mohammed and Tebala Temples....	2,796
Indiana.....	Murat Temple.....	684
Iowa.....	El Kahir and Kaaba Temples....	2,195
Kansas.....	Abdallah and Isis Temples....	1,092
Kentucky.....	Kosair Temple.....	285
Louisiana.....	Jerusalem Temple.....	151
Maine.....	Kora Temple.....	318
Maryland.....	Boumi Temple.....	431
Massachusetts.....	Aleppo Temple....	2,736
Michigan.....	Moslem, Saladin and Ahmed Temples....	2,393
Minnesota.....	Osman and Zuhrah Temples....	1,210
Missouri.....	Ararat, Moila and Moolah Temples....	1,730
Mississippi.....	Hamasa Temple.....	124
Montana.....	Algeria Temple.....	235
Nebraska.....	Sesostris and Tangier Temples....	1,183
New Mexico.....	Ballut Abyad Temple.....	128
New York.....	{ Cyprus, Damascus, Ismailia, Kismet, Media, Mecca, Oriental and Ziyara Temples	6,697
North Carolina.....	Oasis Temple.....	76
North Dakota.....	El Zagal Temple.....	385
Ohio.....	Syrian, Al Koran and Aladdin Temples....	2,533
Oklahoma.....	India Temple.....	99
Oregon.....	Al Kader Temple.....	216
Pennsylvania.....	Syria, Lu Lu, Zem Zem, Rajah and Irem Temples....	4,380
Rhode Island.....	Palestine Temple.....	687
South Dakota.....	Naja and El Riad Temples.....	551
Tennessee.....	Al Chymia and Alhambra Temples.....	321
Texas.....	Ben Hur and Hella Temples.....	740
Utah.....	El Kalah Temple.....	162

Vermont	Mount Sinai Temple.....	443
Virginia	Acca Temple.....	349
Washington.....	El Katif and Affi Temples.....	405
West Virginia.....	Beni Kedem and Osiris Temples.....	490
Wisconsin.....	Tripoli Temple.....	552
Wyoming.....	Korein Temple.....	74
Canada	Rameses Temple.....	205

Number of Chartered Temples, 74.

Number of Temples under Dispensation, 3.

Number of Nobles, 41,515.

REPRESENTATIVES AD VITAM.

Fleming, Walter M.	240 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.
Briggs, Sam.....	48 Cedar Ave., Cleveland, O.
Melish, Wm. B.	181 Walnut St., Cincinnati, O.
Hudson, Thos. J.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Field, Charles L.	312 Clay St., San Francisco, Cal.

EMERITUS MEMBERS.

Rawson, Albert L.	New York, N.Y.
Torrey, Charles W.	Ocala, Fla.
Tyler, George O.	Burlington, Vt.
McClenachan, Charles T.	New York, N.Y.

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL FOR 1896.

CORRECTED TO JULY 1, 1896.

1. ABDALLAH TEMPLE Leavenworth, Kan.
 John H. Atwood Leavenworth, Kan.
 Peter J. Freling Leavenworth, Kan.
 Alfred B. Keller Leavenworth, Kan.
2. ACCA TEMPLE..... Richmond, Va.
 Fred Pleasants..... 1117 E. Main St., Richmond, Va.
 John R. Charlton..... 1215 E. Main St., Richmond, Va.
3. AFIFI TEMPLE..... Tacoma, Wash.
 Hamilton Allan 1108 Pacific Ave., Tacoma, Wash.
4. AHMED TEMPLE..... Marquette, Mich.
 Leroy W. Midlam..... Marquette, Mich.

5. ALADDIN TEMPLE.....Columbus, Ohio.
 John P. McCune.....Columbus, Ohio.
 W. E. Joseph.....Columbus, Ohio.
6. AL CHYMIA TEMPLE.....Memphis, Tenn.
 John W. Bailey.....360 Front St., Memphis, Tenn.
7. ALEPPO TEMPLE.....Boston, Mass.
 Benjamin W. Rowell.....28 School St., Boston, Mass.
 James A. Davis.....92 State St., Boston, Mass.
 Thomas Waterman.....Hotel Ilkley, Boston, Mass.
 Caleb Saunders.....Lawrence, Mass.
8. ALGERIA TEMPLE.....Helena, Mont.
 Richard Lockey.....Helena, Mont.
9. ALHAMBRA TEMPLE.....Chattanooga, Tenn.
 Archibald N. Sloan.....Chattanooga, Tenn.
10. AL KADER TEMPLE.....Portland, Ore.
 L. G. Clarke...Care of Woodward, Clarke & Co., Portland, Ore.
11. AL KORAN TEMPLE.....Cleveland, Ohio.
 Henry P. McIntosh.....Cleveland, Ohio.
 Richard P. Marvin.....Akron, Ohio.
 Arthur B. Foster.....Cleveland, Ohio.
 Andrew Squire.....Cleveland, Ohio.
 Sam Briggs (*ad vitam*).....48 Cedar Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
12. AL MALAIKAH TEMPLE.....Los Angeles, Cal.
 Frank Rader.....City Hall, Los Angeles, Cal.
 Chas. Campbell.....116 Requena St., Los Angeles, Cal.
13. ALMAS TEMPLE.....Washington, D.C.
 Harrison Dingman.....Atlantic Building, Washington, D.C.
 George H. Walker.....1420 N.Y. Ave., Washington, D.C.
 Andrew W. Kelley.....807 D St., N.W., Washington, D.C.
 Frank H. Thomas.....615 E. St., N.W., Washington, D.C.
14. ARARAT TEMPLE.....Kansas City, Mo.
 Ethelbert F. Allen.....Beals Building, Kansas City, Mo.
 William H. Brown.....Heist Building, Kansas City, Mo.
 J. D. Havens.....312 W. 6th St., Kansas City, Mo.
 Arnold Shanklin.....Telephone Building, Kansas City, Mo.
15. BALLUT ABYAD TEMPLE.....Albuquerque, N.M.
 Joseph H. Kuhns.....Albuquerque, N.M.
16. BEN HUR TEMPLE.....Austin, Tex.
 Charles S. Morse.....Austin, Tex.
17. BOUMI TEMPLE.....Baltimore, Md.
 George W. Starr.....960 N. Howard St., Baltimore, Md.
 Charles W. Hatter.....356 N. Gay St., Baltimore, Md.
 Wm. J. Cunningham.....205 E. Fayette St., Baltimore, Md.
18. CYPRUS TEMPLE.....Albany, N.Y.
 Charles H. Armatage.....City Building, Albany, N.Y.
 Thomas J. Bishop.....Greenbush, Rensselaer Co., N.Y.
19. DAMASCUS TEMPLE.....Rochester, N.Y.
 George F. Loder.....Rochester, N.Y.
 Fred E. Shedd.....Rochester, N.Y.
 P. Kurtz Hill.....Rochester, N.Y.

20. EL JEBEL TEMPLE.....Denver, Col.
 Alonzo F. Vick Roy2211 Curtis St., Denver, Col.
 Thomas Nicholl2721 Curtis St., Denver, Col.
 R. H. Whiteley.....Boulder, Col.
 Albert B. McGaffey.....1039 Washington Ave., Denver, Col.
21. EL KALAH TEMPLE.....Salt Lake City, Utah.
 Arthur M. Grant.....P.O. Box 485, Salt Lake City, Utah.
22. EL KAHIR TEMPLE.....Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
 John W. Geiger.....Marion, Iowa.
 George W. Bever.....Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
 Austin D. Brown.....Manchester, Iowa.
 M. S. Rizer.....Clinton, Iowa.
23. EL KATIF TEMPLE.....Spokane, Wash.
 Henry L. Kennau.....Spokane, Wash.
24. EL RIAD TEMPLE.....Sioux Falls, S.D.
 A. B. Kittredge.....Sioux Falls, S.D.
 G. W. Burnside.....Sioux Falls, S.D.
 W. R. Burkholder.....Sioux Falls, S.D.
25. EL ZAGAL TEMPLE.....Fargo, N.D.
 W. B. Douglass.....Fargo, N.D.
 C. A. Hale.....Grand Forks, N.D.
26. EL ZARIBAH TEMPLE.....Phoenix, Ariz.
27. HAMASA TEMPLE.....Meridian, Miss.
 Chas. S. Eastman.....Laurel, Miss.
28. HELLA TEMPLE.....Dallas, Tex.
 Lawrence M. Knepfly.....Dallas, Tex.
 Geo. H. Green.....Dallas, Tex.
 Joseph Swope.....Dallas, Tex.
29. INDIA TEMPLE.....Oklahoma, O.T.
 F. H. Reed.....Oklahoma City, O.T.
30. IREM TEMPLE.....Wilkesbarre, Pa.
 William L. Raeder.....Public Sq., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
31. ISIS TEMPLE.....Salina, Kan.
 Edward W. Wellington.....Ellsworth, Kan.
 John F. Merrill.....Salina, Kan.
 James A. Kimball.....Salina, Kan.
 Edward A. Wharton.....Manhattan, Kan.
32. ISLAM TEMPLE.....San Francisco, Cal.
 Charles L. Field.....312 Clay St., San Francisco, Cal.
 Victor D. Duboce.....1835 Scott St., San Francisco, Cal.
 Reuben H. Lloyd.....Nevada Block, San Francisco, Cal.
 Charles L. Patton.....319 Pine St., San Francisco, Cal.
33. ISMAILIA TEMPLE.....Buffalo, N.Y.
 Charles W. Cushman.....35 Chapin Block, Buffalo, N.Y.
 Frank T. Gilbert.....8 City Hall, Buffalo, N.Y.
 George L. Brown, M.D....D. S. Morgan Building, Buffalo, N.Y.
 Erastus C. Knight.....No. 3 City Hall, Buffalo, N.Y.
34. JERUSALEM TEMPLE.....New Orleans, La.
 Richard Lambert..Room 31, Masonic Temple, New Orleans, La.

35. KAABA TEMPLE Davenport, Iowa.
George F. White 127 W. 13th St., Davenport, Iowa.
W. I. Babb Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
George M. Titus Muscatine, Iowa.
Cyrus T. Darling Davenport, Iowa.
36. KISMET TEMPLE Brooklyn, N.Y.
Mills H. Landon Brooklyn, N.Y.
Clarence E. Stump 714 Putnam Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Frank E. Mason 217 Adelphi St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
37. KORA TEMPLE Lewiston, Me.
J. F. Babbitt Lewiston, Me.
Charles E. Libby Auburn, Me.
38. KOREIN TEMPLE Rawlins, Wyo.
J. C. Davis Rawlins, Wyo.
39. KOSAIR TEMPLE Louisville, Ky.
William Ryan 816 3d St., Louisville, Ky.
40. LU LU TEMPLE Philadelphia, Pa.
Arthur H. Woodward Philadelphia, Pa.
Edward B. Jordan 1337 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Frederick Leibbrandt 825 N. 7th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Phillip C. Shaffer 1216 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa.
41. MECCA TEMPLE New York, N.Y.
Saram R. Ellison 266 W. 43d St., New York, N.Y.
George W. Millar 64 Duane St., New York, N.Y.
James McGee 64 Duane St., New York, N.Y.
Augustus W. Peters 60 Broadway, New York, N.Y.
Walter M. Fleming (*ad vitam*) Hotel Imperial, New York.
42. MEDIA TEMPLE Watertown, N.Y.
W. B. Sessions Ogdensburg, N.Y.
Willis G. McCord Liverpool, N.Y.
Danford G. Eggleston Watertown, N.Y.
43. MEDINAH TEMPLE Chicago, Ill.
Chester T. Drake 300 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.
Robert M. Johnson 67 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.
Frank C. Roundy 190 So. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.
William Johnston 184 Munroe St., Chicago, Ill.
44. MOHAMMED TEMPLE Peoria, Ill.
George F. Henthorne Peoria, Ill.
45. MOILA TEMPLE St. Joseph, Mo.
Joseph S. Browne St. Joseph, Mo.
James W. Boyd St. Joseph, Mo.
46. MOOLAH TEMPLE St. Louis, Mo.
Benjamin F. Nelson Odd Fellows Building, St. Louis, Mo.
Gustave W. Neimann 711 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Mo.
Otto F. Stifel 2007 Hebert St., St. Louis, Mo.
A. Moore Berry Security Building, St. Louis, Mo.
47. MOROCCO TEMPLE Jacksonville, Fla.
Brigham H. Chadwick Jacksonville, Fla.

48. MOSLEM TEMPLE.....Detroit, Mich.
 Wm. M. Bailey.....29 Miami Ave., Detroit, Mich.
 Ed R. Harris.....256 Lafayette Ave., Detroit, Mich.
 Lou Burt.....City Hall, Detroit, Mich.
 Charles F. Beck.....156 Jefferson Ave., Detroit, Mich.
49. MOUNT SINAI TEMPLEMontpelier, Vt.
 Alfred A. Hall.....St. Albans, Vt.
 Lauren B. Whipp.....Lancaster, N.H.
 Olin W. Daley.....White River Junction, Vt.
50. MURAT TEMPLE.....Indianapolis, Ind.
 John T. Brush.....When Block, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Jos. W. Smith.....46 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, Ind.
 Henry H. McGaffey.....Builders Exchange, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Chalmers Brown.....23 Ingalls Block, Indianapolis, Ind.
51. NAJA TEMPLE.....Deadwood, S.D.
 Daniel K. DickensonLead City, S.D.
52. OASIS TEMPLECharlotte, N.C.
 Walter S. Liddell.....Charlotte, N.C.
53. ORIENTAL TEMPLE.....Troy, N.Y.
 Henry Schneider.....13 Jacob St., Troy, N.Y.
 J. Marshall Colcord.....Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
 Fred E. Wells334 River St., Troy, N.Y.
 David R. Clary3126 6th Ave., Troy, N.Y.
54. OSMAN TEMPLE.....Saint Paul, Minn.
 William H. S. WrightSaint Paul, Minn.
 Trevannion W. HugoDuluth, Minn.
 Henry C. Hope ...Care L. St. P. M. & O. Ry., Saint Paul, Minn.
 James F. LawlessSt. Paul, Minn.
55. OSIRIS TEMPLEWheeling, W. Va.
 Matthew R. Wolff.....Wheeling, W. Va.
 J. C. RibeldafferWheeling, W. Va.
 Lewis N. Tavenner.....Parkersburg, W. Va.
56. PALESTINE TEMPLE.....Providence, R.I.
 George H. BurnhamP.O. Box 223, Providence, R.I.
 Horace K. Blanchard, Care Murray, Spink & Co., Providence, R.I.
 Albert L. Anthony.....Providence, R.I.
 Geo. L. Shepley, Care Starkweather & Shepley, Providence, R.I.
57. PYRAMID TEMPLE.....Bridgeport, Conn.
 Hugh Stirling.....8 Union Sq., Bridgeport, Conn.
 Thaddeus B. Beecher.....233 Warren St., Bridgeport, Conn.
 Carleton E. Hoadley.....P.O. Box 357, New Haven, Conn.
 Charles W. GaleNorwich, Conn.
58. RAJAH TEMPLEReading, Pa.
 J. Lew Rake.....324 So. 3d. St., Reading, Pa.
 George E. Haak312 Penn Ave., Reading, Pa.
59. RAMESES TEMPLE.....Toronto, Can.
 Henry A. Collins20 Major St., Toronto, Can.
60. SAHARA TEMPLEPine Bluff, Ark.
 John T. Marsh.....Pine Bluff, Ark.

61. SALAAM TEMPLE Olney, Ill.
G. D. Slanker..... Olney, Ill.
62. SALADIN TEMPLE Grand Rapids, Mich.
Lou B. Winsor..... Reed City, Mich.
Charles E. Fink Grand Rapids, Mich.
John A. Wolcott Kalamazoo, Mich.
Jay D. Utley Grand Rapids, Mich.
63. SESOSTRIS TEMPLE Lincoln, Neb.
Geo. H. Simmons 1209 O St., Lincoln, Neb.
Chas. E. Casey..... Pawnee City, Neb.
Fred J. Benedict..... Hastings, Neb.
64. SPHINX TEMPLE..... Hartford, Conn.
65. SYRIA TEMPLE..... Pittsburgh, Pa.
William S. Brown..... 520 Wood St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
William H. Walker..... Academy of Music, Pittsburgh, Pa.
James Kerr, Jr..... 1 Wood St. Pittsburgh, Pa.
Americus V. Holmes..... 37 5th Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Thomas J. Hudson (*ad vitam*)..... P.O. Box 790, Pittsburgh, Pa.
66. SYRIAN TEMPLE Cincinnati, Ohio.
Levi C. Goodale..... 80 W. Third St., Cincinnati, Ohio.
Jacob H. Bromwell..... Masonic Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Morris L. Buchwalter Court House, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Allen Andrews..... Hamilton, Ohio.
William B. Melish (*ad vitam*)..... 181 Walnut St., Cincinnati, Ohio.
67. TANGIER TEMPLE..... Omaha, Neb.
Henry C. Akin..... 511 S. 12th St., Omaha, Neb.
E. A. Stevens Grand Island, Neb.
Ira O. Rhoades Care of U. P. R.R., Omaha, Neb.
Philip M. Rose..... Care of U. P. R.R., Omaha, Neb.
68. TEBALA TEMPLE..... Rockford, Ill.
Geo. R. Atkinson..... Rockford, Ill.
69. TRIPOLI TEMPLE..... Milwaukee, Wis.
Eugene S. Elliott Pabst Building, Milwaukee, Wis.
Luther L. Caufy 89 Mason St., Milwaukee, Wis.
William H. Brazier..... 240 Eleventh St., Milwaukee, Wis.
70. YAARAB TEMPLE Atlanta, Ga.
Henry C. Stockdell Equitable Building, Atlanta, Ga.
71. ZAMORA TEMPLE..... Birmingham, Ala.
W. J. Pearce 2018 2d Ave, Birmingham, Ala.
72. ZEM ZEM TEMPLE..... Erie, Penn.
Frank G. Maus..... Erie, Penn.
Frank J. Bassett..... Erie, Penn.
73. ZIYARA TEMPLE..... Utica, N.Y.
John W. Boyle..... Utica, N.Y.
William H. Cloher, Jr..... Utica, N.Y.
Jacob Schechl..... Utica, N.Y.
74. ZUHRAH TEMPLE Minneapolis, Minn.
John A. Schlener 509 Nic Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.
Roland H. Hartley..... 26 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.
J. B. Hudson..... 519 Nic Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

TEMPLES AND OFFICERS

July 1, 1896

1. ABDALLAH TEMPLE Leavenworth, Kan.
 John H. Atwood, Potentate..... Leavenworth, Kan.
 Peter J. Freling, Recorder, 425 Delaware St., Leavenworth, Kan.
 Founded March 28, 1887. Members, 482.
2. ACCA TEMPLE Richmond, Va.
 Frank W. Cunningham, Potentate..... City Hall, Richmond, Va.
 W. Hall Crew, Recorder..... City Hall, Richmond, Va.
 Founded June 9, 1886. Members, 349.
3. AFIFI TEMPLE Tacoma, Wash.
 Hamilton Allan, Potentate ... 1108 Pacific Ave., Tacoma, Wash.
 Richard A. Ketner, Recorder..... Tacoma, Wash.
 Founded Aug. 1, 1888. Members, 202.
4. AHMED TEMPLE Marquette, Mich.
 Leroy W. Midlam, Potentate Marquette, Mich.
 James Wallace, Recorder Marquette, Mich.
 Founded June 14, 1893. Members, 183.
5. ALADDIN TEMPLE Columbus, Ohio.
 John P. McCune, Potentate Columbus, Ohio.
 W. E. Joseph, Recorder..... Columbus, Ohio.
 Founded June 14, 1893. Members, 353.
6. AL CHYMIA TEMPLE Memphis, Tenn.
 Harry E. Coffin, Potentate..... 228 Front St., Memphis, Tenn.
 John D. Huhn, Recorder..... 341 2d St., Memphis, Tenn.
 Founded May 10, 1891. Members, 139.
7. ALEE TEMPLE, U.D..... Savannah, Ga.
 J. H. Cavanaugh, Potentate Savannah, Ga.
 Recorder.....
 Founded June 23, 1896.
8. ALEPPO TEMPLE..... Boston, Mass.
 Caleb Saunders, Potentate Lawrence, Mass.
 Benjamin W. Rowell, Recorder 28 School St., Boston, Mass.
 Founded June 23, 1882. Members, 2,736.
9. ALGERIA TEMPLE..... Helena, Mont.
 Robert G. Young, Potentate Helena, Mont.
 George Booker, Recorder..... P.O. Box 333, Helena, Mont.
 Founded March 23, 1888. Members, 235.
10. ALHAMBRA TEMPLE..... Chattanooga, Tenn.
 Archibald N. Sloan, Potentate Chattanooga, Tenn.
 H. F. Rogers, Recorder Chattanooga, Tenn.
 Founded Sept. 17, 1889. Members, 182.

11. AL KADER TEMPLEPortland, Ore.
Irving W. Pratt, Potentate.....611 1st St., Portland, Ore.
Benjamin G. Whitehouse, Recorder.235 Stark St. Portland, Ore.
Founded Jan. 3, 1888. Members, 216.
12. AL KORAN TEMPLECleveland, Ohio.
Sam Briggs, Potentate48 Cedar Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
Sam Briggs, Recorder48 Cedar Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
Founded Nov. 16, 1876. Members, 775.
13. AL MALAIKAH TEMPLELos Angeles, Cal.
C. W. Pendleton, Potentate ...125 Temple St., Los Angeles, Cal.
David Eric Barclay, Recorder, 202½ S. Broadway, Los Angeles, Cal.
Founded Feb. 28, 1888. Members, 394.
14. ALMAS TEMPLEWashington, D.C.
Harrison Dingman, Potentate, Atlantic Bldg., Washington, D.C.
Geo. H. Walker, Recorder....1420 N.Y. Ave., Washington, D.C.
Founded Jan. 7, 1886. Members, 735.
15. ARARAT TEMPLEKansas City, Mo.
Wm. Harrison Brown, Potentate..Heist Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.
Arnold Shanklin, Recorder...Telephone Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.
Founded Dec. 1, 1887. Members, 769.
16. BALLUT ABYAD TEMPLE.....Albuquerque, N.M.
Frank McKee, Potentate.....Albuquerque, N.M.
Alexander Stevens, Recorder..P.O. Box 133, Albuquerque, N.M.
Founded June 11, 1887. Members, 128.
17. BEN HUR TEMPLEAustin, Tex.
Frank Andrews, PotentateHouston, Tex.
E. C. Bartholomew, Recorder...5 Masonic Temple, Austin, Tex.
Founded June 2, 1891. Members, 247.
18. BENI KEDEM TEMPLE, U.D.....Charleston, W. Va.
Neil Robinson, Potentate.....Charleston, W. Va.
Recorder.....
Founded June 23, 1896.
19. BOUMI TEMPLE.....Baltimore, Md.
Geo. W. Starr, Potentate....960 N. Howard St., Baltimore, Md.
John H. Miller, Recorder.....Brown's Wharf, Baltimore, Md.
Founded March 1, 1884. Members, 431.
20. CYPRUS TEMPLE.....Albany, N.Y.
William W. Grey.....60 So. Ferry St., Albany, N.Y.
William E. Fitch, Recorder116 State St., Albany, N.Y.
Founded Feb. 2, 1887. Members, 419.
21. DAMASCUS TEMPLE.....Rochester, N.Y.
George F. Loder, Potentate.....Rochester, N.Y.
R. W. West, RecorderP.O. Box 580, Rochester, N.Y.
Founded June 7, 1876. Members, 546.
22. EL JEBEL TEMPLE.....Denver, Col.
Alonzo F. Vick Roy, Potentate ...2211 Curtis St., Denver, Col.
J. A. Vickers, Recorder.....First National Bank, Denver, Col.
Founded Jan. 16, 1888. Members, 792.

23. EL KALAH TEMPLE.....Salt Lake City, Utah.
Gardner S. Clark, Potentate. P.O. Box 509, Salt Lake City, Utah.
William S. Evans, Recorder. P.O. Box 487, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Founded June 8, 1890. Members, 162.
24. EL KAHIR TEMPLE Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
George W. Bever, Potentate..... Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
John W. Geiger, Recorder..... Marion, Iowa.
Founded Feb. 9, 1886. Members, 1,271.
25. EL KATIF TEMPLE Spokane, Wash.
Henry L. Kennan, Potentate Spokane, Wash.
John H. Shaw, Recorder Spokane, Wash.
Founded June 10, 1890. Members, 203.
26. EL KORAH TEMPLE, U.D..... Boise City, Idaho.
Morgan A. Regan, Potentate..... Boise City, Idaho.
Recorder.....
Founded June 23, 1896.
27. EL RIAD TEMPLE..... Sioux Falls, S.D.
A. B. Kittredge, Potentate..... Sioux Falls, S.D.
Eugene Saenger, Recorder..... Sioux Falls, S.D.
Founded April 2, 1888. Members, 458.
28. EL ZAGAL TEMPLE..... Fargo, N.D.
Frank J. Thompson, Potentate Fargo, N.D.
John Urion, Recorder Fargo, N.D.
Founded Dec. 14, 1889. Members, 385.
29. EL ZARIBAH TEMPLE..... Phoenix, Ari.
Myron H. McCloud, Potentate Phoenix, Ari.
Thomas Armstrong, Recorder Phoenix, Ari.
Founded Jan. 20, 1896. Members, 53.
30. HAMASA TEMPLE Meridian, Miss.
E. J. Martin, Potentate Meridian, Miss.
H. C. Smith, Recorder..... Meridian, Miss.
Founded May 22, 1892. Members, 124.
31. HELLA TEMPLE..... Dallas, Tex.
George H. Green, Potentate..... Dallas, Tex.
W. W. Manning, Recorder 243 Main St., Dallas, Tex.
Founded July 12, 1887. Members, 493.
32. INDIA TEMPLE Oklahoma, O.T.
Lee Van Winkle, Potentate..... Oklahoma, O.T.
Frank Harrah, Recorder..... Oklahoma, O.T.
Founded May 3, 1893. Members, 99.
33. IREM TEMPLE Wilkesbarre, Pa.
J. Ridgeway Wright, Potentate, 8 S. Franklin St., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
Frank Deitrick, Recorder City Hall, Wilkesbarre, Pa.
Founded Oct. 15, 1895. Members, 127.
34. ISIS TEMPLE..... Salina, Kansas.
James A. Kimball, Potentate..... Salina, Kansas.
Alex Berg, Recorder Salina, Kansas.
Founded March 29, 1887. Members, 610.

35. ISLAM TEMPLE.....San Francisco, Cal.
Chas. L. Patton, Potentate.....319 Pine St., San Francisco, Cal.
Victor D. Duboce, Recorder.1835 Scott St., San Francisco, Cal.
Founded March 6, 1883. Members, 674.
36. ISMAILIA TEMPLE.....Buffalo, N.Y.
Frank T. Gilbert, Potentate, Room 8; Sheriff's office, Buffalo, N.Y.
Charles E. Markham, Recorder.....Atlantic Dock, Buffalo, N.Y.
Founded Nov. 5, 1887. Members, 836.
37. JERUSALEM TEMPLE.....New Orleans, La.
David R. Graham, Potentate.....Gravier St., New Orleans, La.
Richard Lambert, Recorder.Rm. 21, Masonic Temple, N.O., La.
Founded March 30, 1885. Members, 151.
38. KAABA TEMPLE.....Davenport, Iowa.
George F. White, Potentate ..127 West 13 St., Davenport, Iowa.
Cornelius J. Brown, Recorder, 306 East 8th St., Davenport, Iowa.
Founded July 1, 1878. Members, 924.
39. KISMET TEMPLE.....Brooklyn, N.Y.
Wayland Trask, Potentate.....18 Wall St., New York, N.Y.
John D. Acker, Recorder.192 Schermerhorn St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Founded July 2, 1887. Members, 606.
40. KORA TEMPLE.....Lewiston, Me.
J. F. Babbitt, Potentate.....Lewiston, Me.
W. Chandler Bearce, Recorder.....Auburn, Me.
Founded Dec. 14, 1891. Members, 318.
41. KOREIN TEMPLE.....Rawlins, Wyo.
Wm. Daley, Potentate.....Rawlins, Wyo.
D. L. Rusk, Recorder.....Rawlins, Wyo.
Founded Oct. 8, 1894. Members, 74.
42. KOSAIR TEMPLE.....Louisville, Ky.
Thomas C. Timberlake, Potentate, 441 W. Main St., Louisville, Ky.
F. W. Hardwick, Recorder..1130 West Main St., Louisville, Ky.
Founded Dec. 5, 1894. Members, 285.
43. LULU TEMPLE.....Philadelphia, Pa.
Philip C. Schaffer, Potentate..1216 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Charles Cary, Recorder.....421 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Founded Dec. 31, 1883. Members, 2,326.
44. MECCA TEMPLE.....New York, N.Y.
Augustus W. Peters, Potentate.....60 Broadway, N.Y.
Saram R. Ellison, Recorder.....266 W. 43d St., N.Y.
Founded Sept. 26, 1872. Members, 2,637.
45. MEDIA TEMPLE.....Watertown, N.Y.
Danford G. Eggleston, Potentate.....Watertown, N.Y.
John S. Coon, Recorder.....Watertown, N.Y.
Founded March 19, 1891. Members, 430.
46. MEDINAH TEMPLE.....Chicago, Ill.
Chester T. Drake, Potentate, 300 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.
William Johnston, Recorder.....192 Fifth Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Founded Oct. 30, 1882. Members, 2,254.

47. MOHAMMED TEMPLE Peoria, Ill.
George F. Henthorne, Potentate Peoria, Ill.
Chas. F. Hitchcock, Recorder Peoria, Ill.
Founded June 12, 1893. Members, 284.
48. MOILA TEMPLE St. Joseph, Mo.
Virgil R. Porter, Potentate Plattsburg, Mo.
Arling M. Worden, Recorder. 7th and Olive Sts., St. Joseph, Mo.
Founded Dec. 1, 1887. Members, 353.
49. MOOLAH TEMPLE St. Louis, Mo.
Gustave W. Niemann, Potentate, 711 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Mo.
A. Moore Berry, Recorder. Security Building, St. Louis, Mo.
Founded April 26, 1886. Members, 608.
50. MOROCCO TEMPLE Jacksonville, Fla.
Bingham H. Chadwick, Potentate, Acme Hotel, Jacksonville, Fla.
Chas. A. Clark, Recorder. 40 W. Forsyth St., Jacksonville, Fla.
Founded March 28, 1888. Members, 79.
51. MOSLEM TEMPLE Detroit, Mich.
Charles F. Beck, Potentate ... 156 Jefferson Ave., Detroit, Mich.
William M. Bailey, Recorder 29 Miami Ave., Detroit, Mich.
Founded April 21, 1880. Members, 1,310.
52. MOUNT SINAI TEMPLE Montpelier, Vt.
Edwin O. Hibbard, Potentate Randolph, Vt.
Charles H. Heaton, Recorder. Montpelier, Vt.
Founded Oct. 31, 1876. Members, 443.
53. MURAT TEMPLE Indianapolis, Ind.
John T. Brush, Potentate. When Block, Indianapolis, Ind.
Jos. W. Smith, Recorder, 46 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, Ind.
Founded March 13, 1884. Members, 684.
54. NAJA TEMPLE Deadwood, S.D.
J. W. Freeman, Potentate Lead City, S.D.
J. S. Denman, Recorder Deadwood, S.D.
Founded Sept 19, 1892. Members, 93.
55. OASIS TEMPLE Charlotte, N.C.
Walter S. Liddell, Potentate Charlotte, N.C.
Thomas R. Robertson, Recorder Charlotte, N.C.
Founded Oct. 10, 1894. Members, 76.
56. ORIENTAL TEMPLE Troy, N.Y.
Henry Schneider, Potentate. 13 Jacob St., Troy, N.Y.
W. V. N. Stowell, Recorder 15 Third St., Troy, N.Y.
Founded Feb. 7, 1877. Members, 656.
57. OSIRIS TEMPLE Wheeling, W. Va.
Edward E. Baldwin, Potentate, 1205 Main St., Wheeling, W. Va.
Wm. F. Shaffer, Recorder. P. O. Box 212, Wheeling, W. Va.
Founded July 22, 1886. Members, 490.
58. OSMAN TEMPLE St. Paul, Minn.
Trevannion W. Hugo, Potentate Duluth, Minn.
Chas. S. Bunker, Recorder St. Paul, Minn.
Founded July 13, 1885. Members, 610.

59. PALESTINE TEMPLE.....Providence, R.I.
Sebert A. Sammis, Potentate.....Providence, R.I.
Edwin Baker, Recorder70 Weybosset St., Providence, R.I.
Founded Feb. 6, 1886. Members, 687.
60. PYRAMID TEMPLE.....Bridgeport, Conn.
Hugh Stirling, Potentate8 Union Square, Bridgeport, Conn.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder....45 Wall St., Bridgeport, Conn.
Founded April 18, 1877. Members, 1,087.
61. RAJAH TEMPLEReading, Pa.
J. Lew Rake, PotentateReading, Pa.
J. William Jost, Recorder.....19 N. 5th St., Reading, Pa.
Founded Aug. 20, 1892. Members, 389.
62. RAMESES TEMPLE.....Toronto, Can.
Henry A. Collins, Potentate20 Major St., Toronto, Can.
Arthur A. S. Ardagh, Recorder, Lock Drawer 2518, Toronto, Can.
Founded April 21, 1887. Members, 205.
63. SAHARA TEMPLEPine Bluff, Ark.
John T. Marsh, Potentate.....Pine Bluff, Ark.
Horace G. Higinbotham, Recorder.....Pine Bluff, Ark.
Founded April 16, 1889. Members, 219.
64. SALAAM TEMPLE.Olney, Ill.
William A. Thompson, Potentate.....Olney, Ill.
Robert N. Stotler, RecorderOlney, Ill.
Founded Jan. 1, 1884. Members, 49.
65. SALADIN TEMPLEGrand Rapids, Mich.
Lou B. Winsor, Potentate.....Reed City, Mich.
Chas. E. Fink, Recorder.....Grand Rapids, Mich.
Founded April 22, 1886. Members, 900.
66. SESOSTRIS TEMPLE.....Lincoln, Neb.
Geo. H. Simmons, Potentate1209 O St., Lincoln, Neb.
Frank M. Glenn, Recorder.....Drawer 1523, Lincoln, Neb.
Founded June 22, 1887, Members, 504.
67. SPHINX TEMPLE.....Hartford, Conn.
Rial S. Peck, Potentate.....Hartford, Conn.
Sidney E. Clarke, Recorder.....Hartford, Conn.
Founded April 30, 1896. Members, 74.
68. SYRIA TEMPLEPittsburgh, Pa.
William H. Walker, Potentate,Academy of Music, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Harry L. Trees, Recorder.....P.O. Box 790, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Founded May 27, 1877. Members, 1,171.
69. SYRIAN TEMPLECincinnati, O.
William B. Melish, Potentate181 Walnut St., Cincinnati, O.
Edward C. Harding, Recorder.....139 E. 3d St., Cincinnati, O.
Founded Feb. 6, 1877. Members, 1,405.
70. TANGIER TEMPLE.....Omaha, Neb.
Henry Hardy, Potentate.....1319 Farnham St., Omaha, Neb.
Louis E. Wettling, Recorder.....P.O. Box 523, Omaha, Neb.
Founded April 24, 1889. Members, 679.

71. **TEBALA TEMPLE**.....Rockford, Ill.
Isaac S. Montgomery, PotentateRockford, Ill.
Frank M. Puffer, Recorder.....Rockford, Ill.
Founded July 25, 1894. Members, 209.
72. **TRIPOLI TEMPLE**.....Milwaukee, Wis.
Luther L. Caufy, Potentate.....89 Mason St., Milwaukee, Wis.
George T. Hooley, RecorderP.O. Box 289, Milwaukee, Wis.
Founded March 9, 1885. Members, 552.
73. **YAARAB TEMPLE**.....Atlanta, Ga.
H. C. Stockdell, Potentate.....Equitable Building, Atlanta, Ga.
John R. Wilkinson, Recorder.....227 E. Ga. Ave., Atlanta, Ga.
Founded Dec. 8, 1889. Members, 221.
74. **ZAMORA TEMPLE**.....Birmingham, Ala.
Wm. B. Phillips, Potentate, Care T.C.I. & R.R. Co. Birmingham, Ala.
James T. Meade, Recorder.....1911½ 1st Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
Founded Nov. 10, 1890. Members, 131.
75. **ZEM ZEM TEMPLE**.....Erie, Pa.
Sam B. Kennedy, Potentate.....Erie, Pa.
Frank J. Bassett, Recorder.....P.O. Box 465, Erie, Pa.
Founded Nov. 10, 1890. Members, 367.
76. **ZIYARA TEMPLE**.....Utica, N.Y.
Roderick Campbell, Potentate.....Utica, N.Y.
Jacob Scheehl, Recorder.....9 Brinkerhoff Ave., Utica, N.Y.
Founded Oct. 30, 1877. Members, 567.
77. **ZUHRAH TEMPLE**.....Minneapolis, Minn.
J. B. Hudson, Potentate...519 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.
H. M. Myers, Recorder, 704 Masonic Temple, Minneapolis, Minn.
Founded July 22, 1885. Members, 600.



Imperial Recorder.

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Constitution of the Imperial Council
OF THE
ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER
OF THE
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE
FOR
NORTH AMERICA.

Revised to
July 1, 1896.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND POWER.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known by the name, style and title of
THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL

OF THE

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE
MYSTIC SHRINE

FOR

NORTH AMERICA.

SECT. 2. It has power to enact Laws, Statutes and Regulations for the government of the whole Order; to issue Edicts; to amend or repeal the same; to grant dispensations and charters for holding Temples of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine within its jurisdiction; and to amend or revoke the same. Its authority also extends to such Temples as may be organized under its dispensations or charters in foreign countries.

SECT. 3. It has the exclusive right to control all the subordinate Temples of the Order within its jurisdiction. It may censure, suspend and erase Temples; and try, discipline, suspend, or expel its members for violation and disobedience of its Constitution, Regulations and Edicts.

SECT. 4. It is the body to which all final appeals shall be made on all matters of importance emanating from subordinate Temples.

SECT. 5. This Imperial Council being a legislative body, acknowledging no superior, permits an appeal to be taken by any Representative from the decision of the chair on any question under consideration herein. *Provided*, however, that such appeal shall not be sustained unless two-thirds of all the Representatives present shall vote therefor.

ARTICLE II.

SESSIONS.

SECTION 1. The Imperial Council shall meet annually, at such time and place as shall have been determined by a majority of the Representatives at the previous session.

SECT. 2. Special sessions may be called by the Imperial Potentate in any emergency, at any time and place in his discretion, or, when requested by seven Representatives to this Imperial Council, five of whom shall be members of separate Temples, it shall be his duty so to do; due notice to be given to each subordinate Temple and to each Representative to the Imperial Council, stating the business to be considered; and no other business than that specified in the call or summons shall be transacted.

SECT. 3. All sessions shall be opened in full and ample form.

SECT. 4. Seven Representatives, five of whom shall be Representatives of separate Temples, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECT. 5. At every session, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes (except alterations of this constitution, as herein provided), the presiding officer not being entitled to a vote except in case the vote is equally divided, when he shall have the casting vote.

SECT. 6. At each session, when the Imperial Potentate shall have called the Imperial Council to order, the Committee on Credentials shall immediately determine as to the credentials of the Representatives.

SECT. 7. Notices of sessions of the Imperial Council shall be issued at least 30 days prior to such sessions.

ARTICLE III.

REPRESENTATIVES.

SECTION 1. Representation in the Imperial Council shall be apportioned as follows: To every Temple working by authority of a charter granted by this Imperial Council there shall be one Representative, who must be a member of the Temple electing him. Each Temple shall be entitled to two Representatives when its membership reaches three hundred, three Representatives when its membership reaches four hundred, and four Representatives when its membership reaches six hundred, but no Temple shall be allowed more than four Representatives.

SECT. 2. The Representatives shall be chosen as follows: Each Temple shall annually elect by ballot such Representative or Representatives as it shall be entitled to, and a certified record of such election shall be forwarded to the Imperial Recorder, which credential shall be countersigned by the Recorder of the subordinate Temple, who shall also affix the seal of the Temple thereto.

SECT. 3. The number of membership by which the number of Representatives shall be determined shall be the membership of the Temple on the date of its annual meeting for the election of officers in December of each year.

SECT. 4. Any Representative of the Imperial Council who shall remove and reside permanently out of its jurisdiction, be suspended or expelled by a subordinate Temple, or found guilty of a criminal offence, shall thereby have vacated his office.

SECT. 5. All Past Imperial Potentates shall be Representatives *ad vitam*. The Imperial Council may, at its pleasure, elect any member of the Order an emeritus member of the Imperial Council. Said emeritus member or members shall have a voice in the proceedings of the Imperial Council, but shall have no other privileges or emoluments.

SECT. 6. Representatives shall be entitled to mileage and per diem expenses when in attendance at the sessions of the Imperial Council and no Representative or Representatives, except Past Imperial Potentates, shall be entitled to mileage beyond the aggregate amount paid to the Imperial Council for that year, by such Temple as he or they represent, and no deficiency shall be chargeable to a succeeding year.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS — THEIR TITLES, ELECTION, INSTALLATION, AND TENURE OF OFFICE.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Imperial Council shall be as follows, viz.:—

- I. IMPERIAL POTENTATE.
- II. IMPERIAL DEPUTY POTENTATE.
- III. IMPERIAL CHIEF RABBAN.
- IV. IMPERIAL ASSISTANT RABBAN.
- V. IMPERIAL HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET.
- VI. IMPERIAL ORIENTAL GUIDE.
- VII. IMPERIAL TREASURER.
- VIII. IMPERIAL RECORDER.
- IX. IMPERIAL FIRST CEREMONIAL MASTER.
- X. IMPERIAL SECOND CEREMONIAL MASTER, OR STANDARD-BEARER.

XI. IMPERIAL MARSHAL.

XII. IMPERIAL CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.

XIII. IMPERIAL OUTER GUARD.

All of whom must be Representatives to the Imperial Council.

SECT. 2. The first eight officers shall be elected by ballot and by a majority vote, at each Annual Session. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the Imperial Potentate, and shall hold their office until their successors are elected, appointed and installed.

SECT. 3. The election of officers shall take place immediately after the transaction of all unfinished business, and the reception and disposal of the reports of the officers.

SECT. 4. The officers of the Imperial Council and of every subordinate Temple in the jurisdiction, before they enter upon the exercise of their respective duties, shall take the following obligation:—

“I (name in full) do solemnly promise and vow that I will faithfully, and to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected, and that I will strictly conform to the requirements of the Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council for North America.”

ARTICLE V.

IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

SECTION 1. The Imperial Potentate is the executive officer of the Order within the jurisdiction of this Imperial Council. He may suspend, until the next session of the Imperial Council or for a less time, any officer of the Imperial Council or any Temple or officer thereof for violation or disobedience of the Constitution, regulations or edicts of the Imperial Council.

SECT. 2. He shall preside over all stated and special sessions of the Imperial Council, and at his pleasure, over all sessions of subordinate Temples which he shall favor with his presence.

SECT. 3. When in his judgment, the good of the Order requires it, he shall have power to call special sessions of the Imperial Council specifying the business to be laid before it.

SECT. 4. During the recess of the Imperial Council, he is invested with a general supervision of the Order through the jurisdiction. He shall have a yearly contingent fund in such an amount as the Imperial Council may vote for each ensuing year, out of which all expenses of his office shall be defrayed.

SECT. 5. He shall have power to confer the Order “at sight” either in person or by a deputy authorized for that purpose, but only for the purpose of organizing new Temples under dispensation in unoccupied territory; and the fees therefor shall be returned into the treasury of the Temple organized under dispensation. The minimum fee in such cases shall be twenty-five dollars for each and every candidate.

SECT. 6. Each Temple may be visited for the purpose of inspection, by the Imperial Potentate, or by some Representative from the Imperial Council deputed by him for that purpose, at least once during his term of office.

SECT. 7. He may do all such other acts, and perform all such other duties, not inconsistent with this Constitution, as, in his judgment, the interests of the Order require.

ARTICLE VI.

IMPERIAL DEPUTY POTENTATE.

The Imperial Deputy Potentate, in the event of the death, removal, or physical disability of the Imperial Potentate, shall act, with full power, in his place and stead until the disqualification is removed. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be designated by his superior.

ARTICLE VII.

IMPERIAL CHIEF AND ASSISTANT RABBANS.

The Imperial Chief Rabban and Imperial Assistant Rabban, in the absence of their superiors, shall severally and respectively assume the responsibilities and discharge the duties of their superior officers according to rank. At all other times they shall discharge the duties traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

ARTICLE VIII.

IMPERIAL RECORDER.

SECTION 1. The Imperial Recorder shall attend all sessions of the Imperial Council, and shall keep a true record of all the work, deliberations and transactions of the Imperial Council, and transcribe the same in a book for that purpose.

SECT. 2. He shall collect and receive all the revenue of the Imperial Council, and pay over the amount to the Imperial Treasurer whenever the sum reaches the amount of one hundred dollars. Before entering upon the duties of his office he shall give a bond to the Imperial Potentate in the sum of ten thousand dollars.

SECT. 3. He shall forward to each newly constituted Temple, immediately upon such Temple receiving dispensation, a copy of this Constitution, together with such other statutes and edicts as are in force.

SECT. 4. He shall make an annual report of his accounts, and also a summary of the returns of the subordinate Temples showing the number of the members of each; also the admissions, rejections, suspensions, expulsions, dismissions and deaths. He shall have his books, papers and accounts present at the opening of each annual session prepared for examination by the Committee on Finance and Accounts;

shall have in custody the official seal of the Imperial Council, and affix it to all official communications; notify the members of the Imperial Council of the annual and special sessions, and perform such other duties appertaining to his office as may be required; and at the expiration of his term of office deliver to his successor all books, papers, or other property in his possession, belonging to the Imperial Council.

SECT. 5. He shall receive for his services such compensation as the Imperial Council shall from time to time designate.

ARTICLE IX.

IMPERIAL TREASURER.

It is the duty of the Imperial Treasurer to attend all sessions of the Imperial Council, with the books and papers of his office. He shall receive all moneys from the Imperial Recorder, giving his receipt therefor, and shall deposit the same in a National Bank in the name of, and subject to the order of, this Imperial Council. He shall pay all orders authorized to be drawn on him by the Imperial Council; such orders to be signed by the Imperial Recorder and countersigned by the Imperial Potentate, and issued in payment of an appropriation, or in accordance with an order previously made by the Imperial Council, and, before entering upon the duties of his office, give his bond to the Imperial Potentate in the sum of twenty thousand dollars; and shall, at each annual session, render a correct account of his receipts and disbursements; and, at the expiration of his term of office, he shall deliver to his successor all moneys, books, papers or other property that may be in his possession or under his control, as Imperial Treasurer. He shall receive for his services the sum of one hundred dollars per annum.

ARTICLE X.

OTHER OFFICERS.

The remaining officers are to perform such duties as are appropriate to their several stations, or as may be assigned to them by the Imperial Council or the Imperial Potentate.

ARTICLE XI.

COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The following Standing Committees, each consisting of five members, to be appointed by the Imperial Potentate at least sixty days before the meeting of the Imperial Council, shall examine the report to the Imperial Council upon the several matters referred to them.

CREDENTIALS. Whose duty it shall be to examine and report upon the credentials of the newly elected representatives.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS. They shall particularly examine the work and records of each Temple under dispensation and asking for charter, and report to the Imperial Council such action as they shall deem proper.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS. It shall be their duty to examine the books and vouchers of the Imperial Treasurer and Imperial Recorder, and report to the Imperial Council the actual condition of the finances, books and accounts.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS. All matters of controversy, appeal or grievance brought before the Imperial Council, shall be referred to this committee, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same and report their action thereon.

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS. To them shall be referred all propositions to revise, alter or amend the Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council, as well as all other matters on questions of law or usage; and they shall report thereon, in writing, to the Imperial Council.

MILEAGE AND PAY OF REPRESENTATIVES. To them shall be referred all matters pertaining to the mileage and pay of Representatives, and they shall report, by resolution or otherwise, what action should be taken, if any, by the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XII.

DEPUTIES.

SECTION 1. Deputies may be appointed by the Imperial Potentate for a specific purpose, which shall be set forth in the commission issued which shall be executed without unnecessary delay; and the appointment shall cease when the said purposes shall have been executed. It shall be the duty of each Deputy appointed under the provisions of this Section to *return* his authority to the Imperial Potentate with a written report of his action thereunder. The expenses incurred by Deputies shall be paid by the Imperial Treasurer when approved by the Imperial Potentate.

ARTICLE XIII.

DISPENSATIONS FOR TEMPLES.

SECTION 1. The Imperial Potentate shall have power, during the recess, to grant Letters of Dispensation to seven or more petitioners properly recommended, possessing the constitutional qualifications, empowering them to form and open a Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. This dispensation shall cease at the next annual session of the Imperial Council, or be continued, recalled, or a charter granted by order of the Imperial Council.

SECT. 2. No dispensation shall be issued unless the petition shall be recommended by the nearest Temple of the Order, but in the event of

the refusal of the said nearest Temple to grant consent, it shall be within the power of the Imperial Council, duly assembled, to grant said dispensation without said consent, should they deem it for the best interests of the Order to do so. In each State and Territory within the United States where two or more Temples of the Order exist, no charter or dispensation shall be granted, except by action of the Imperial Council. Should any Temple of the Order have its charter recalled by the action of the Imperial Council, no new charter can be granted provided there be remaining two Temples of the Order within such State or Territory, except by action of the Imperial Council. When an application for a dispensation in unoccupied territory is received, the Temple nearest the site of the proposed new Temple shall be notified of the application for said dispensation, at least thirty days prior to the issuing of the same, that reasons may be assigned, if any, against said dispensation being issued; but nothing in this section shall be construed to impair the prerogative of the Imperial Potentate to issue dispensations in unoccupied territory. The petitioners must give satisfactory evidence of good standing, of a suitable place of meeting, of possessing or having the ability to procure proper furniture and paraphernalia for the use of the Temple, and of being competent to conduct intelligently the ceremonies, work and government thereof.

SECT. 3. No dispensation shall be continued if granted more than six (6) months prior to any regular session of the Imperial Council, neither shall any charter be granted to any Temple not having provided itself with a *seal*, a *proper place of meeting*, and the *necessary paraphernalia* for conferring the Order.

SECT. 4. The petitioners for a dispensation, members of the Temple whose consent is required, are not barred from voting on the question of consent.

SECT. 5. A Temple under dispensation is only liable for dues for the fractional part of the year that it was in existence, in addition to the *per capita* dues on members created.

SECT. 6. A Temple holding a dispensation or charter has a legal existence and legal jurisdiction, and whether it works or not, such jurisdiction cannot be gainsaid except by action of the Imperial Council.

SECT. 7. A Temple under dispensation has no right to elect officers, nor is a Potentate of a Temple under dispensation entitled to the rank of a Past Potentate. A Temple under dispensation is not entitled to representation in the Imperial Council.

A Noble signing a petition for a dispensation for a Temple becomes a member of the Temple under dispensation and is amenable to it for dues. He should pay dues to the Temple of which he was a member prior to the issuing of the dispensation only up to the date of the dispensation of the new Temple, and his membership in the chartered Temple remains in abeyance until a charter is granted to the new Temple.

If the dispensation of a new Temple is taken up, and no charter issued, the membership of all Nobles reverts to the Temples of which they were members prior to the issuing of the dispensation.

When a dispensation to any Temple is recalled and no charter issued, all Nobles created in said Temple become members of the Order at large, subject to the authority of the Imperial Council, and are entitled to a certificate to that effect from the Imperial Recorder, which certificate has the force of a dimit for purpose of affiliation.

Upon the receipt of a charter it is the duty of the Potentate of the Temple chartered to cause the Recorder to certify that fact to all Temples in which the charter members formerly held their membership and their membership in said Temples thereupon terminates.

ARTICLE XIV.

JURISDICTION OF TEMPLES.

SECTION 1. The territorial jurisdiction of subordinate Temples, chartered by this Imperial Council, extends in all directions to one-half the distance, by a direct line, between itself and the nearest Temple. *Provided*, that in no case can it extend beyond the limits of the State, Territory, or district to which it is located, *provided*, also, that Temples occupying the same State or Territory may agree upon concurrent jurisdiction within or an equitable division of their territory, should they so desire; *provided*, also that the Imperial Council may declare concurrent jurisdiction or an equitable division of territory between all Temples in States where more than one Temple exists, should it appear for the best interests of the Order to do so, but only after said disputing Temples have failed to agree upon concurrent jurisdiction or an equitable division of territory.

SECT. 2. A Temple shall not act upon a petition for initiation of any one residing within the jurisdiction of another Temple without first obtaining permission of such Temple. It shall be competent in such cases for a Temple to waive its jurisdiction, and permit another Temple to confer the Order upon one residing within its jurisdiction; and such authority shall be given only under the seal of the Temple so granting it. Temples having concurrent jurisdiction must notify each other of all petitions received.

SECT. 3. Each Temple is sovereign in its own jurisdiction whether under dispensation or chartered, and no applicant, resident in such jurisdiction, can apply elsewhere for the Order without the consent of the Temple.

SECT. 4. Temples may open and confer the Order at any place within their jurisdiction, notice being given of such intent and candidates having been previously elected, but no other business can be transacted at such sessions except the necessary preliminaries toward conferring the Order.

ARTICLE XV.

INITIATION FEE.

The Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine shall not be conferred upon any one for a less sum than twenty-five (25) dollars; but Temples may increase the amount at their pleasure.

ARTICLE XVI.

FEES AND REVENUE.

SECTION 1. The revenue of the Imperial Council shall be derived from the following sources:—

For every dispensation to form and open a Temple, there shall be required and paid one hundred dollars, which must accompany the application for dispensation, and when a charter is granted an additional sum of fifty dollars shall be paid before the charter is delivered.

SECT. 2. Each subordinate Temple shall pay to the Imperial Council the sum of two (2) dollars for each and every candidate receiving the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine within such Temple, which sum shall be forwarded immediately to the Imperial Recorder, who shall forthwith issue a diploma of the Imperial Council to each and every candidate.

SECT. 3. Each subordinate Temple shall pay annually to the Imperial Council, in accordance with its membership, the following sum:—

For 100 members or less Ten Dollars (\$10)

For each hundred members or less in
addition to the above Ten Dollars (\$10)

The dues shall accompany the annual return of every Temple to the Imperial Council.

SECT. 4. For every copy of the Oriental Ritual the fee shall be five (5) dollars. They shall be issued only upon the application of a regular Temple of the Order, but no more than three copies shall be issued to any one Temple, and then only upon order of the Imperial Potentate.

ARTICLE XVII.

THE RITUAL.

The Ritual, as promulgated by the Imperial Council for the use of the Order in its jurisdiction, shall be adopted uniformly by every Temple, and no alterations or additions shall be made in the Ritual, except by authority of the Imperial Council, and every departure therefrom will be considered as an indignity to the same.

ARTICLE XVIII.

REGALIA.

SECTION 1. The emblems, jewels and costumes for every office in this Order, as promulgated by the Imperial Council in the Ritual, shall be strictly adhered to.

SECT. 2. The Red Turkish Fez is adopted as a uniform style of head covering for all Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

ARTICLE XIX.

EMBLEMS AND JEWELS.

The Emblems and Jewels of the Mystic Shrine are the characteristic Insignia of the Oriental nation from which the Order emanates. They are the Crescent, Pyramid, Sphinx Head, Panther-Bodied Female Sphinx, the Urn, Sun, Moon, Stars, etc., and are used to decorate the Tombs, Banners, Draperies, Costumes, Regalia, etc. In mourning drapery, the combination is the Sun with rays, Moon and Stars.

CRESCENT.

The original and universal Emblematic Jewel is the Crescent, formed of two nails from a Tiger's Paw, united at their bases with a band of gold, and a ring at the base to suspend it as a charm or Jewel, to be hung points downward. The gold band should be decorated with the Sphinx Head on one side, a Pyramid with the Urn upon it on the other; the name of the owner, and the date of his receiving the Order, engraved upon the sides; and inside the circle "Allah" or God, and the motto of the Order, which is "Robur et Furor," and signifies "Strength and Fury." Every Noble of the Mystic Shrine is entitled to wear this Jewel. The combining of the emblems of other secret orders with the Jewel of the Shrine is deemed inappropriate, and is therefore prohibited.

The wearing of the Fez and Jewel of the Order on occasions other than meetings of Temples of the Arabic Order, or gatherings of Shriners under the authority of some legal body of the Order, is ill-advised, and Potentates are expected to prevent such action by their members.

ARTICLE XX.

SUBORDINATE TEMPLES — HOW CONSTITUTED.

SECTION 1. All regular subordinate bodies of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine are termed Temples, and shall consist of the following officers: —

I.	ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE	<i>Shayk</i>
II.	CHIEF RABBAN	<i>Emeer</i>
III.	ASSISTANT RABBAN	<i>Sahib</i>
IV.	HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET	<i>Imam</i>

V.	ORIENTAL GUIDE	<i>Ayn</i>
VI.	TREASURER	<i>Chayzin</i>
VII.	RECORDER	<i>Katib</i>
VIII.	FIRST CEREMONIAL MASTER	<i>Wakil</i>
IX.	SECOND CEREMONIAL MASTER OR STANDARD BEARER,	<i>Alam</i>
X.	DIRECTOR	<i>Malah</i>
XI.	MARSHAL	<i>Amal</i>
XII.	CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD	<i>Rays</i>
XIII.	OUTER GUARD	<i>Hafiz</i>

and as many members as the Temple may admit.

The first seven officers shall be elected annually by ballot. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the Illustrious Potentate.

SECT. 2. When a charter is granted the members of the Temple receiving it must hold an election of officers as soon after its reception as possible.

ARTICLE XXI.

ENTHRONEMENT.

Previous to the enthronement of a Potentate-elect, the Imperial Council requires his assent to the following Ordinances:—

First. Do you solemnly vow, upon your honor, that you will exert your best endeavors to promote the true happiness of your brother Nobles of the Mystic Shrine?

Second. That you will endeavor to promote the general good of the Order, and preserve the solemnity of the ceremonies with profound respect and reverence?

Third. That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any Temple which does not work under constitutional authority as recognized by the Imperial Council?

Fourth. That you will ever maintain and support the authority of the Imperial Council for North America, and enforce obedience to its Constitution, Regulations and Edicts?

Do you submit to all these Ordinances, and promise to observe and practice them faithfully?

ARTICLE XXII.

ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE—DUTIES.

The Illustrious Potentate is specially charged to see that the By-Laws of his Temple are duly observed, as well of the Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council; that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered; that regular returns are made to the Imperial Council, and that the annual dues are promptly paid; and that no fewer than two sessions are held annually, of which one shall be held in December.

ARTICLE XXIII.

OFFICERS OF TEMPLES — DUTIES.

SECTION 1. The duties of the officers of the Temple shall be those assigned to them in the ritual, and as traditionally appropriate to them respectively, as also those defined in the Constitution and Regulations.

SECT. 2. The Potentate, Chief Rabban and Assistant Rabban cannot resign after having been duly elected *and installed*. Any other officer of a Temple may resign his office. No member can be forced to accept an election to an office.

ARTICLE XXIV.

PREREQUISITES FOR THE ORDER.

No application for the Order shall be received unless the applicant is a regular Knight Templar in good standing, or a Thirty-second Degree Mason of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the obedience of either of the Supreme Councils for the Northern or for the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction of such Rite in the United States, and those Supreme Councils which are in amity with and recognized by them. Each application for the Order shall be made upon the form of petition provided by the Imperial Council. To receive and ballot upon petitions at a SPECIAL MEETING, a Temple must apply for and receive a Special Dispensation from the Imperial Potentate authorizing them so to do, in which event the members of the Temple must receive due and timely notice of the proposed election of candidates under the said dispensation. The penalty for violation of this Article shall be the suspension of the charter of the Temple so offending until the next session of the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XXV.

BALLOT ON CANDIDATES.

SECTION 1. If, upon the balloting for a candidate, subsequent to a favorable report, three black balls shall appear, another ballot shall immediately be had, but no more; upon the appearance of three black balls a second time, the candidate shall be declared rejected, and disqualified from making a second application for thirteen weeks.

SECT. 2. After a candidate has been declared elected, any subsequent objection or protest must be filed in writing, signed by at least three members of the body, and must stand. Said objection shall be entered upon the minutes, and shall have the same force and effect as a second ballot, and shall prevent a reconsideration of the matter for thirteen weeks.

ARTICLE XXVI.

DECISION OF QUESTIONS.

All questions shall be determined by a majority of votes.

The presiding officer shall have no vote unless there be a tie, when he shall have the deciding vote.

No appeal from the decision of the Illustrious Potentate shall lie to the Temple. Any member may appeal from the decision of the Illustrious Potentate to the Imperial Potentate, whose decision shall stand until the same shall be revoked or approved by the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XXVII.

NAMES OF TEMPLES.

Every Temple formed in this jurisdiction shall select an ancient Arabic or Egyptian name, according to the ancient laws of the Order.

ARTICLE XXVIII.

SEAL OF TEMPLES.

Every Temple in this jurisdiction shall have a seal, giving the name thereof, an impression of which shall be deposited with the Imperial Recorder.

ARTICLE XXIX.

BY-LAWS.

Each Temple is required to forward a copy of its By-Laws to the Imperial Council for approval, and, also, when such approval has been received, to forward to the Imperial Council a copy of such By-Laws.

ARTICLE XXX.

MEMBERSHIP IN TEMPLES.

SECTION 1. Any person applying for the degrees to any Temple, shall be an actual resident of the jurisdiction of the Temple to which he applies for at least six months. Membership may be terminated by voluntary dismission upon payment of all indebtedness to the Temple, or by expulsion from the Order after due trial, and a vote of three-fourths of the members present when the vote is taken.

Membership is suspended by a member uniting in the formation of a Temple under dispensation, and dissolved by the granting of a charter to the new Temple, unless the member gives notice in writing, or personally in open session, at or before the surrender of the dispensation, of his intention to resume his former membership.

SECT. 2. A member can hold active membership in but one Temple.

SECT. 3. Affiliation is a matter solely between the applicant and the Temple to which he applies. A Noble of the Mystic Shrine, holding a dimit from a legal Temple, may present his petition to any Temple of the Order.

SECT. 4. An offense committed by a Noble, which has caused his suspension or expulsion in any Order, membership in which is a prerequisite to this Order, such expulsion or suspension must similarly affect his standing in his Temple.

SECT. 5. A member may be suspended for non-payment of dues, and suspended or expelled for conduct unbecoming a member of the Order.

To suspend for non-payment of dues, a majority vote only of the members present at any regular meeting shall be necessary, provided notice has been given to the delinquent member that he is in arrears and an opportunity afforded him to be present.

For conduct unbecoming a member of the Order, it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the members present to suspend membership, and a vote of three-fourths of the members present to expel a member at any regular meeting.

No member of a Temple can be suspended or expelled for conduct unbecoming a member, without formal charges being presented, notice served upon him and an opportunity afforded him to be heard in his defense.

SECT. 6. Any member of a Temple may object to the presence in his (the objector's) own Temple of any visiting member of the Order should he desire to do so.

SECT. 7. Any Noble suspended or expelled by his Temple may be reinstated by such Temple on written petition and vote and by the same majority suspending or expelling him, and on payment of all arrearages in case of suspension for non-payment of dues.

ARTICLE XXXI.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Honorary membership may be conferred by subordinate Temples upon any member of this Order, as a compliment, by a majority vote; such membership confers no rights or privileges.

ARTICLE XXXII.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Every Temple shall annually elect its officers and its Representative or Representatives to the Imperial Council at a stated session to be held in December, and the installation of officers shall take place immediately or at its first succeeding session. Should it be impossible to hold the election as required above, a special dispensation to hold said election

must be obtained from the Imperial Potentate. In the event of the resignation of any officer, or Representative, the Temple may elect a successor without special dispensation for that purpose, provided notice is given the members of the Temple that said election will be held.

ARTICLE XXXIII.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

Every subordinate Temple shall on the 1st day of May or within ten days thereafter in each year, transmit to the Imperial Recorder, in such form as shall be furnished, its annual return, accompanied by the dues to the Imperial Council, as provided by Article XVI. of this Constitution.

The initiation fee of two dollars for every initiate, shall be paid in accordance with Article XVI. of this Constitution.

Any Temple neglecting or refusing to make its annual returns on or before May 10, accompanied by the fees and dues, shall be notified thereof; and if, after fifteen days' notice, it fails to fully comply, it shall be suspended by the Imperial Potentate until restored by a vote of the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XXXIV.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. The Imperial Council shall be competent, upon the concurrence of three-fourths of the members present at any session, to revise, amend, and alter this Constitution.

SECT. 2. Any member intending to submit a motion relative to a change in the Constitution, Statutes or Regulations, shall give notice thereof in writing, to the Imperial Recorder, at least two months prior to the day on which the session at which said subject is to be discussed is to be held, and notice thereof shall be inserted in the summons; otherwise no such motion shall be entertained, unless the failure to publish the same in the summons is by fault of the officer charged with the duty of issuing it.

SECT. 3. All amendments proposed may be modified in any manner by the Imperial Council while the same is under consideration; on modification, however, shall be made not germane to the matter contained in the original proposed amendment. It shall require a two-thirds vote to change the Constitution in the case of any amendment offered, in accordance with Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this article.

SECT. 4. All amendments to or alterations of the Constitution and laws presented to the Imperial Council while in session, and which have not been published in the summons for that session, shall be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, who shall report upon them at the next session of the Imperial Council, when it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the Representatives present to adopt the same.

SECT. 5. Resolved that all amendments to the Constitution and Laws shall be reduced to writing and offered as required by Section 2, Article XXXIV., and the entire section proposed to be amended must be fully written out as the same will read with the amendment incorporated therein. Otherwise no amendment need be considered.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

IMPROPER PUBLICATIONS. WHEREAS, The practice of certain Temples of the Mystic Shrine, owing fealty to this Imperial Council, in introducing immoral, low, vulgar and obscene actions and ceremonies into the ritual is rapidly and justly bringing the Order into contempt, and must finally tend to the disruption of the institution; and, inasmuch as such practices are evidently countenanced and permitted by certain Potentates and presiding officers of Temples, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Imperial Council hereby emphatically condemns all immoral and vulgar practices, and declares that a repetition of such proceedings shall be sufficient cause for the revocation of the charter of any such Temple.

Resolved, That hereafter the Illustrious Potentate, or presiding officer for the time being, of each Temple shall be held personally responsible for not immediately arresting any attempt at such vulgarity and obscenity, and will render himself subject to expulsion from the Order. — (Proceedings, 1890, page 51.)

PAYMENT BY CHECK. *Resolved*, That the Imperial Treasurer shall pay each Representative entitled to mileage and per diem by check, and take his receipt therefor. The check to be drawn on the bank or banks in which the funds are deposited. — (Proceedings, 1891, page 53.)

ARABIC CALENDAR. *Resolved*, To make the Arabic Calendar, as prepared by Noble Charles A. Hiller of Salina, Kan., the official calendar of the Imperial Council. — (Proceedings, 1891, page 53.)

REJECTED CANDIDATES. *Resolved*, That hereafter the name and address, and Masonic qualifications, of all candidates rejected by subordinate Temples shall be forwarded each month to the Imperial Recorder, who shall, at the end of each month, mail to the Recorder of every Temple in the jurisdiction a printed list of such rejected candidates, together with the name of the Temple rejecting them. — (Proceedings, 1891, page 52.)

CREDENTIAL^{BLANKS}. *Resolved*, That the Imperial Recorder be directed to prepare a uniform credential blank, and mail them to the

several Temples in ample time for filling out and presentation at the annual sessions of the Imperial Council. — (Proceedings, 1891, page 52.)

BADGE. *Resolved*, That the Imperial Council adopt and furnish a badge, to be worn only by delegates to the Imperial Council when in session, and that the same be sent to the Potentate of each Temple by the Imperial Recorder each year, preparatory to the meeting of the Imperial Council, and the same to be delivered to the Representatives by the Potentates. — (1892 Proceedings.)

JURISDICTION. From report of Committee on Grievance; recommendation adopted: "In order that no Temple or Potentate may in future plead ignorance of Article XIV., Section 2; and in order that a suitable punishment may be inflicted for the violation of the above section, it shall be the duty of the Imperial Potentate to revoke the charter of any Temple violating the provision of the section referred to until the next meeting of the Imperial Council." — (1892 Proceedings.)

TRUSTEES. *Resolved*, That the Imperial Potentate, Imperial Treasurer and Imperial Recorder be constituted a Board of Trustees to care for the funds and securities of the Imperial Council. — (1893 Proceedings.)

LIST OF EXPULSIONS, ETC. *Resolved*, That the Imperial Recorder is directed to issue to all Temples, quarterly, a list of all expulsions, suspensions and restorations reported to him. — (1893 Proceedings.)

MEETING COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE, ETC. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws shall be required to meet at least one day in advance of the meeting of the Imperial Council, and that at this meeting they shall be placed in possession of all papers and matters to be referred to said committee which they can have, that due consideration may be given to the important business of the session — (1894 Proceedings.)

DIMIT FROM COMMANDERY OR CONSISTORY.

A Noble can dimit from Commandery and Consistory and still hold membership in his Temple as long as he shall keep himself in good standing in both Bodies, under the laws of the jurisdiction in which they exist while carrying a dimit.

SUSPENSION AS A KNIGHT TEMPLAR OR 32 DEGREE MASON.

A Noble suspended for non-payment of dues in his Temple cannot be reinstated if his name has been dropped from the roll or he has been suspended for non-payment of dues as a Knight Templar or a 32 degree Mason. A statement from the Recorder or Commander of the Commandery or Consistory, or in case of their refusal, the statement of

any brother of the prerequisite Bodies made, as a Noble, of his own knowledge, is sufficient evidence of the standing of the Noble in his Commandery or Consistory.

GOOD STANDING IN PREREQUISITE BODIES NECESSARY.

A Noble suspended for non-payment of dues in either Commandery or Consistory forfeits his membership in his Temple.

A Noble who is a Knight Templar and 32 degree Mason having been suspended from either Commandery or Consistory, or having lost his good standing in either of these Bodies, thereby loses his membership in his Temple until he has been reinstated in the prerequisite Bodies.

A Noble who was a member of a Commandery when he applied for the Order, and having been suspended from the Consistory for non-payment of dues, would lose his membership in his Temple, or if he was a 32 degree Mason when he joined the Order, and afterwards received the Orders in the Commandery, if he should be suspended from the Commandery for any cause, he would thereby lose his membership in the Temple.

As a Noble he is required to keep himself in good standing in the prerequisite Bodies to which he belongs.

RELEASE OF JURISDICTION.

Where two Temples hold concurrent jurisdiction over a State or Territory, the consent of both will be necessary to accompany the petition of the applicant of that jurisdiction to become a member of a Temple in any other jurisdiction.

JURISDICTION OF TEMPLES.

A Temple can only confer the Order and have meetings within its own jurisdiction, and the holding of ceremonial sessions in unoccupied territory is unconstitutional and prohibited.

REGULATIONS REGARDING VISITING NOBLES.

Resolved, That no Noble be eligible to visit any other Temple but his own, except upon producing to the Temple which he desires to visit, a certificate signed by the Recorder of his own Temple and bearing the seal thereof, that such Noble is in good and regular standing. And such certificate shall be of no effect for more than one year from its date.

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Provided, however, that a member of any Temple may be allowed to visit any other Temple, if he shall be properly vouched for as being in good and regular standing by a member of the Order.

Resolved, That it shall be deemed a violation of good faith for any Temple to allow a member of any other Temple to visit it, except upon the production of the following certificate, or upon his being properly vouched for, as above recommended.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE.

.....TEMPLE.

To all true and faithful Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Know ye that the Worthy Noble....., who has signed his name in the margin hereof, is at the date hereof, a member in good standing of.....Temple, located at....., in the State of.....

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this Temple thisday of, 18 ..

.....Recorder.

.....Temple.

This certificate shall be issued only by the Imperial Recorder, and Recorders of subordinate Temples will apply to the Imperial Recorder for as many copies as they may desire, and shall pay for the same the sum of ten cents each. Recorders of Temples shall charge to Nobles applying for these certificates the sum of fifty cents each, which amount shall be paid into the Treasury of the Temple.

FORMS.

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION.

TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA:—

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents that they are Knights Templar, or Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32°, and in good standing as Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, residing in ———, and State of ———, and competent to form and open a Temple of this Order, and to properly discharge the various duties thereof, according to the requirements of the Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council of the Order.

Having the welfare and prosperity of the Order at heart, and being desirous of extending its benefits to worthy Knights Templar and Thirty-second Degree Masons, they pray for a dispensation, empowering them to form, open and hold a regular Temple of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at ———, and State of ———, to be designated as ——— Temple, and they beg to recommend Illustrious Noble ——— to be the first Illustrious Potentate of said Temple.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	PROFESSION.	COMMANDERY.	CONSISTORY.
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PETITION FOR AFFILIATION.

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF ——— TEMPLE, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE:—

The undersigned, a regular Noble of the Mystic Shrine, initiated in ——— Temple, stationed at ———, and last a member of ——— Temple, held at ———, as may be seen by the inclosed Certificate of Demit, respectfully prays that he may be admitted a member of your Temple.

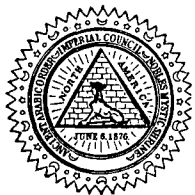
Signature.....

Profession

Age

Residence

Recommended by



PETITION FOR
INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP
ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

..... Temple

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF

..... Temple, situated in

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar in good standing in.....
Commandery, No..... situated at.....
State of.....; a 32.nd degree A. & A. Scottish Rite Mason, in good standing, in.....
Consistory of.....; that I have resided within the jurisdiction of your Temple, or in unoccupied territory, not less than six months, as required by the Constitution of the Imperial Council, and that I am not under suspension or expulsion in either of the bodies prerequisite to this Order, and respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and become a member of your Temple.

I furthermore represent that I have never previously applied for said order, nor have I, to my knowledge, been rejected by any other Temple. If I be found worthy, and my request granted, I promise to conform to all the Ceremonies, Engagements, Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council; together with those of your Temple.

Birthplace.....

Date of birth..... day..... month..... year.....

Profession or occupation.....

Residence; No..... Street, City.....

Business or P.O. Address; No..... Street, City.....

Date

Signature (full name)

Recommended and vouched for on the honor of

Noble

Noble

Fees, \$..... enclosed.

CERTIFICATE OF DEMIT.

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

WHEREAS, ———, a Worthy Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and a late Member of ——— Temple, held at ———, under a Charter from the Imperial Council for North America, has regularly withdrawn from said Temple, and conformed to its By-Laws; therefore he is hereby granted this testimonial of his conduct as a Worthy Noble of the Order during his continuance among us, and recommended to the favorable consideration of all true and Worthy Nobles throughout the globe.

Witness his and our hands and the seal of the Temple, this ——— day of 18 —.

Attest: (Signature).....*Ne Varietur*
 Residence
 Age.....years Profession.....
*Illustrious Potentate.*
*Recorder.*

{ SEAL. }

DIPLOMA OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

ES SELAMU ALEIKUM.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

To all True and Faithful Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Know ye, that the Worthy Noble ———, who has signed his name in the margin hereof, was regularly received, admitted and constituted a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, in ——— Temple of ———, on the ——— day of ———, 18 —, and that he is duly enrolled as such upon the Records of the Order.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the Seal of the Imperial Council for North America.

(Signature) ———
Ne Varietur.

{ SEAL. } Attest: ——— ———, *Imperial Potentate.*
 ——— ———, *Imperial Recorder.*

POCKET OR TRAVELLING CERTIFICATE.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA.

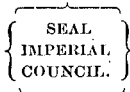
To all True and Faithful Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Know ye, that the Worthy Brother ———, who has signed his name in the margin hereof, was regularly received, admitted and constituted

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a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, in —— Temple of ——, on the —— day of ——, 18—, and that he is duly enrolled as such upon the Records of the Order.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the Seal of the Imperial Council for North America.



———, *Imperial Potentate.*

Attest: ———, *Imperial Recorder.*

Noble —— is, at the date above written, a member in good standing in this Temple.



———, *Recorder.*

——— *Temple.*

Ne Varietur.



A. R. McGaffey

IMPERIAL POTENTATE

مجلس الساطاني

THE

Imperial Council

الخيوة قديم عربي

Ancient Arabic Order

OF THE

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

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FOR NORTH AMERICA.

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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS,

JUNE 8 AND 9, 1897.

HELD AT DETROIT, MICH.

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ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER
OF THE
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE
FOR
NORTH AMERICA.



OFFICERS FOR 1897 AND 1898.

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FOR NORTH AMERICA.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION,

1897.

IN COMPLIANCE with the decision of the Special Committee on Time and Place of the Next Meeting, appointed at the twenty-second annual session, held at Cleveland, Ohio, the Twenty-Third Annual Session of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, was held at Masonic Temple, Detroit, Mich., commencing on Tuesday, June 8, 1897, at 10.15 o'clock A.M.; notice of which session was issued to all Officers, Representatives and Temples, as follows:—

CALLS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER NOBLES OF THE
MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA.

OFFICE OF IMPERIAL POTENTATE,
WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 1, 1897.

TO THE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, TO ALL POTENTATES OF SUBORDINATE TEMPLES, AND TO THE NOBILITY OF OUR ORDER,

ES SELAMU ALEIKUM.

The Twenty-third Annual Session of the Imperial Council will be held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Detroit, Michigan, on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 8 and 9, 1897.

The Headquarters of the Congress will be at the Russell House, where the Imperial Potentate, Imperial Recorder and Imperial Treasurer will have apartments for the transaction of business pertaining to their respective offices.

Representatives and other Nobles desiring hotel accommodations are requested to communicate with Noble Ed. R. Harris, Chairman of Hotel Committee, 256 Lafayette Ave., Detroit, Mich., as soon as possible. Potentates and Representatives are reminded to file with the Imperial Recorder (two months prior to the date of this session) all papers referring to By-Laws, Appeals, Grievances, Reports, Amendments to the Constitution, etc., that the same may be in readiness for presentation to the proper committees.

Temples under dispensation will forward to the Imperial Potentate a report of all work done under dispensation, a copy of their by-laws, and the dispensation under which they are working, that recommendation may be made to the Imperial Council.

Potentates and Recorders of Temples are hereby reminded, that the annual returns of their Temples must be in the hands of the Imperial Recorder not later than May 10, 1897, and that said returns must be accompanied by checks for amount of work still unremitted for, and also the amount of annual dues. See Cons., Art. 33.

Yours in the faith,

HARRISON DINGMAN,
Imperial Potentate.

B. W. ROWELL,
Imperial Recorder.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER NOBLES OF THE
MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA.

OFFICE OF IMPERIAL POTENTATE,
HARRISON DINGMAN, ATLANTIC BUILDING,
WASHINGTON, D.C., April 8, 1897.

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Railroad Fares.

Noble A. A. Schautz of Moslem Temple, Chairman of Committee on Transportation, has made arrangements with the several traffic associations for reduced rates, and the committee will no doubt soon issue a circular to all interested, giving full details of the same. For any other information relative to transportation address A. A. Schantz, Detroit, Mich.

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COMMITTEES.—As required by the Constitution of the Imperial Council, the Imperial Potentate announces the appointment of the following Standing Committees:—

Credentials.

FRANK T. GILBERT		New York.
JOHN T. MARSH		Arkansas.
CHAS. W. HATTER		Maryland.
J. F. BABBITT		Maine.
D. W. DOOM		Texas.

Dispensations and Charters.

PHILIP C. SHAFFER		Pennsylvania.
CHAS. B. WARE		Connecticut.
HENRY SCHNEIDER		New York.
A. B. KITTRIDGE		South Dakota.
J. W. CHAMBERLIN		Minnesota.

Finance and Accounts.

JOHN B. SCHLENER		Minnesota.
RICHARD P. MARVIN		Ohio.
THOS. R. MORROW		Missouri.
AUSTIN D. BROWN		Iowa.
ARCHIBALD N. SLOAN		Tennessee.

Grievances and Appeals.

CHAS. F. BECK		Michigan.
GEORGE F. LODER		New York.
VICTOR D. DUBOCE		California.
MATHEW R. WOLFF		West Virginia.
DE FORREST E. GREEN		Nebraska.

Jurisprudence and Law.

WM. B. MELISH		Ohio.
CALEB SAUNDERS		Massachusetts.
GEORGE H. BURNHAM		Rhode Island.
JOHN C. DAVIS		Wyoming.
FRANK H. THOMAS		District of Columbia.

Mileage and Pay of Representatives.

BENJ. F. NELSON		Missouri.
WM. JOHNSTON		Illinois.
A. F. VICK ROY		Colorado.
JOS. W. SMITH		Indiana.
FRED. PLEASANTS		Virginia.

And the following not authorized by law, but sanctioned by custom:—

Transaction Imperial Officers.

LUTHER L. CAUFY	Wisconsin.
SARAM R. ELLISON	New York.
J. LEW RAKE	Pennsylvania.
HENRY A. COLLINS	Canada.
RIAL S. PECK	Connecticut.

Necrology.

WILLIAM RYAN	Kentucky.
RICHARD LAMBERT	Louisiana.
GEORGE F. HENTHORNE	Illinois.
ED. W. WELLINGTON	Kansas.
EDWIN O. HIBBARD	Vermont.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.—The following amendments to the Constitution and Law of the Imperial Council have been presented and will come before the Council for consideration and action, viz.:—

Regulations Regarding Visiting Nobles.

Amend the whole section to read:

Resolved, That no Noble be eligible to visit any other Temple but his own, except upon producing to the Temple which he desires to visit, a certificate of dues paid to December 31 of the year preceding the date of the visit.

Resolved, That it shall be deemed a violation of good faith for any Temple to allow a member of any other Temple to visit it except upon the production of this certificate.

AMEND Art. III., SECT. VI. Representatives shall be entitled to mileage and per diem expenses when in attendance at the Sessions of the Imperial Council, and no Representative or Representatives, except past Imperial Potentates, shall be entitled to mileage beyond seventy-five per cent. of the aggregate amount paid to the Imperial Council for that year, by such Temple as he or they represent, and no deficiency shall be chargeable to a succeeding year.

Particular Notice to Recorders.

Do not forget that your returns must reach the Imperial Recorder before the 10th day of May, 1897. [See Cons., Art. XXXIII.]

Yours in the Faith,

ATTEST:

B. W. ROWELL,

Imperial Recorder.

HARRISON DINGMAN,

Imperial Potentate.

OPENING.

10.15 A.M., June 8, 1897.

The Imperial Council was called to order in Masonic Temple in the city of Detroit, Mich., by the Imperial Potentate, Harrison Dingman. Rev. W. S. Sayres, Rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Detroit, invoked divine blessing, as follows:—

PRAYER.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who hast made man in Thine own image, and whose Son, Jesus Christ, by taking human nature upon Him, has sanctified and blessed every human faculty and craving, we would reverently invoke Thy presence at this time. We thank Thee for the institution of Free Masonry; may it be in truth as in purpose the handmaiden of religion, the promoter of brotherly love, the stay and support of social and civil progress, and the safeguard of liberty.

We thank Thy holy name that Thou hast encouraged and blessed the social instincts of man and his desire for innocent recreation and enjoyment.

We thank Thee for permitting us to leave for a time the cares of business to assemble together for mutual help and pleasure.

We pray Thee to continue Thy blessing upon our institution. Grant that we may never selfishly lose sight of our opportunities, our responsibilities and our mission, but may so use them, in dependence upon Thee, that the world may be made better, the stability of our country strengthened, and the safety, honor and welfare of all the people may be insured.

Keep under Thy gracious protection the families and friends of those of us who have come from far. Defend us all from evil, from illness, from accident and from sin.

We pray Thee to graciously send Thy holy spirit upon this Council here assembled, guide and direct us in all our actions. May our proceeding thus begun in order, be conducted in peace and closed in harmony. Grant that in all things Thy name may be honored and the coming of Thy kingdom hastened to the breaking down the kingdom of sin, Satan and death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

THE ROLL OF TEMPLES CALLED.

The Roll of Temples was ordered called and all responded, with the exception of Affil, Alee, U.D., Al Kader, Ballut Abyad, Beni Kedem, U.D., El Katif, El Korah, U.D., El Riad, El Zaribah, Morocco and Yaarab.

WELCOME.

Noble W. C. Maybury, Mayor of the city of Detroit, was introduced to the Imperial Council by Noble Charles F. Beck, Potentate of Moslem Temple, and extended a welcome to the Nobility present in the following words:—

"It affords me very great pleasure, not alone to welcome you to Detroit, but to thank you for coming to our hospitable city. We thank you for coming, because you bring cheerfulness. The world is full of care and to those who bring us cheerfulness we extend not only greetings, but gratitude. We are an ancient city, and have lived loyally under the reign of three nations: first, the lilies of France, then the cross of St. George, and now and forever, under the Stars and Stripes. We gladly float the banner of the Shriner today side by side with our own beloved flag, for though its symbols speak of bloodshed in the past, it floats over this Order as the emblem of mirth and minstrelsy, that has never shed a drop of blood, but rather speaks of joy and gladness.

"We are proud of the waters of this city, and you are not only invited to use them without reserve, but this afternoon we will float you upon those dancing waves, and if there is any latent hydrophobia lurking in your system, it must be developed by this hostile environment. Your coming has developed a fact which we never knew: that our soil is full of springs, and it seems that wherever a pilgrim tent is pitched, there waters abundant in quantity and variety and most excellent in quality, seem to gush forth. I was particularly impressed with the attractiveness of one spring, around which the nobles gathered and stood gazing upon its wonderful energies. They seemed like the ancient Peris gazing through the gates of Paradise, and they seemed to say:—

"How happy, exclaimed these children of air,
Are the noble spirits who wander there,
'Mid flowers that never fade nor fall.
Though ours are the waters of sing-so-hay,
And the golden floods that thitherward stray,
Yet it is only the blest, can say,
How the flowers of Texas outshine them all.' "

Mayor Maybury then told a story illustrating the necessity of brevity as being the soul of wit, and continuing, he said:—

"The Creator never made anything, much less the creatures of His form, for sorrow or sadness. The very trees above us, as we marched to this temple, seemed to sing as they tossed their cumbrous heads to the sky; the breezes, as they toyed with their leaves, were the same that caressed the curly head of the little girl as she runs at play. Your welcome is not alone from the Moslem Temple, but the knowledge that you would bring happiness, seemed to inspire all our people, so that old and

young, rich and poor, stood in anticipation of your coming as children gaze upon the billboard and say, 'Hurrah, the circus is coming.'

"There is an ancient legend that your coming will fulfil. Long ago two brothers worked a field in common. One had his wife and children about him, the other had lost the last of his household and lived alone. The desolate one, sitting by his desolate hearth, as the twilight gathered around him, said, 'My brother has more needs than I. I have but myself to care for. I will go out tonight, and in the harvest field I will take some of the sheaves set apart for me and I will place them among his.'

"At the same time, his more fortunate brother, reflecting, said: 'I have a home and household and my brother sits at a cheerless hearth. I will go out in the harvest field and take of the sheaves allotted to me, so that he may have the more of the harvest than I.'

"Each acted upon the impulse, and in the morning, as they returned to the field, each was amazed to find that the sheaves he had taken to his brother had been returned to his own. Each, unconscious of the other's love, resolved to watch the mystery of the moving sheaves. And so they discovered their mutual and brotherly affection. Their neighbors, learning of this marked expression of fraternal affection, said that field should no longer be planted with corn, but that it had been consecrated and hallowed by the love that had been shown; and they erected upon it a temple, dedicated forever to the worship of the God of love and charity. So, in the interchange of our hospitable sheaves with those which you bring, we hope to hallow this time and your visit. And, although no visible temple may be erected to tell of this fraternal exchange, there will be raised up in our hearts a temple of fraternal love and remembrance that will last unchanged until for us the heavens are rolled up as a scroll."

The Imperial Potentate Dingman responded in well chosen words, thanking the Mayor and the Nobility for the extended courtesies, and presented to Noble Maybury a sample of rope tied with ribbon, which caused much applause and merriment.

ROLL CALL.

The Imperial Recorder proceeded to call the Roll of Representatives, and the following were announced as present:—

ABDALLAH TEMPLE.

John H. Atwood.
Peter J. Freling.
Charles F. Rebsamen.

ACCA TEMPLE.

George L. Street.
Fred Pleasants.

AHMED TEMPLE.

Francis M. Moore.

ALADDIN TEMPLE.

John P. McCune.
William E. Joseph.

AL CHYMIA TEMPLE.

Harry E. Coffin.

ALEPPO TEMPLE.

Benjamin W. Rowell.
James A. Fox.
Fred H. Spring.
Caleb Saunders.

ALGERIA TEMPLE.

Henry L. Frank.

ALHAMBRA TEMPLE.

Archibald N. Sloan.

AL KORAN TEMPLE.

Louis J. Noble.
Neville S. Harris.
Robert Wallace.
Lloyd Booth.
Sam Briggs (*ad vitam*).

AL MALAIKAH TEMPLE.

C. W. Pendleton.

ALMAS TEMPLE.

Harrison Dingman.
George H. Walker.
Harry Standiford.
Frank H. Thomas.

ARARAT TEMPLE.

Ethelbert F. Allen.
Arnold Shanklin.
J. D. Havens.
Thomas R. Morrow.

BALLUT ABYAD TEMPLE.

John H. Kuhns.

BEN HUR TEMPLE.

Wm. H. Bell.

BOUMI TEMPLE.

George W. Starr.
William J. Cunningham.
Charles W. Hatter.

CYPRUS TEMPLE.

Thomas J. Bishop.

DAMASCUS TEMPLE.

George F. Loder.
Morris F. Clark.
Norman F. Haskell.

EL JEBEL TEMPLE.

Albert B. McGaffey.
A. F. Vick Roy.

EL KALAH TEMPLE.

Gardner S. Clark.

EL KAHIR TEMPLE.

Austin D. Brown.
M. S. Rizer.
George W. Ball.
E. E. Clark.

EL ZAGAL TEMPLE.

John A. Gilles.
Thomas Klienogel.
Hamilton W. Garey.

HAMASA TEMPLE.

E. J. Martin.

HELLA TEMPLE.

George H. Green.
Garrity James.
John G. Hunter.

INDIA TEMPLE.

Luke Ellison.

IREM TEMPLE.

William L. Raeder.

ISIS TEMPLE.

Stephen J. Osborn.
Edward W. Wellington.
W. W. Watson.

ISLAM TEMPLE.

John H. Gray.

ISMAILIA TEMPLE.

Frank T. Gilbert.
George L. Brown.
Erastus C. Knight.

JERUSALEM TEMPLE.

Richard Lambert.

KAABA TEMPLE.

Cyrus T. Darling.
John Soller.
George M. Titus.
John Hoyt.

KISMET TEMPLE.

Edwin Knowles.
Clarence E. Stump.
Frank C. Mason.
Charles F. Perry.

KORA TEMPLE.

J. F. Babbitt.
Charles E. Libby.

KOREIN TEMPLE.

John C. Davis.

KOSAIR TEMPLE.

William Ryan.
Frank H. Johnson.

LU LU TEMPLE.

Edw. B. Jordan.
Frederick Leibbrandt.
Philip C. Shaffer.
Arthur H. Woodward.

MECCA TEMPLE.

George W. Millar.
James McGee.
Saram R. Ellison.
Augustus W. Peters.

MEDIA TEMPLE.

Joseph S. McConnell.
Danford G. Eggleston.
Lewis W. Day.

MEDINAH TEMPLE.

Robert M. Johnson.
William Johnston.
Frank C. Roundy.
Frank W. Campbell.

MOHAMMED TEMPLE.

George F. Henthorne.

MOILA TEMPLE.

Olin E. Van Deventer.
George Calder.

MOOLAH TEMPLE.

Frederick A. Smith.
Geo. F. Mathews.
John A. Laird.
Charles H. Granger.

MOROCCO TEMPLE.

Irving E. Baird.

MOSLEM TEMPLE.

Charles F. Beck.
William M. Bailey.
Ed. R. Harris.
George F. Fowle.

MOUNT SINAI TEMPLE.

Edwin O. Hibbard.
George F. Flanders.
Austin D. Paige.

MURAT TEMPLE.

Wm. H. Schmidt.
Joseph W. Smith.
Chalmers Brown.
Roscoe O. Hawkins.

NAJA TEMPLE.

J. W. Freeman.

OASIS TEMPLE.

Walter S. Liddell.

ORIENTAL TEMPLE.

Henry Schneider.
Charles H. Smith.
John H. Crutchley.
Thomas T. Smith.

OSIRIS TEMPLE.

W. W. Irwin.
Matthew R. Wolff.
W. W. Van Winkle.

OSMAN TEMPLE.

Frederick E. Rice.
J. W. Chamberlin.

PALESTINE TEMPLE.

Horace K. Blanchard.
Albert L. Anthony.

PYRAMID TEMPLE.

Thaddeus B. Beecher.
Hugh Stirling.
Carleton E. Hoadley.
Charles B. Ware.

RAJAH TEMPLE.

James L. Rake.
Harry P. Keiser.
J. W. Jost.

RAMESES TEMPLE.

Henry A. Collins.

SAHARA TEMPLE.

John T. Marsh.

SALADIN TEMPLE.

Lou B. Winsor.
Charles E. Fink.
A. F. Peake.
George F. Sinclair.

SESOSTRIS TEMPLE.

De Forrest E. Green.

SPHINX TEMPLE.

Rial S. Peck.
Frank D. May.
William G. Simmons.

SYRIA TEMPLE.

William S. Brown.
William H. Walker.
Americus V. Holmes.
Thomas J. Hudson

(*ad vitam*).

SYRIAN TEMPLE.

Jacob H. Bromwell.
Morris L. Buchwalter.
Levi C. Goodale.
Allen Andrews.
William B. Melish

(*ad vitam*).

TANGIER TEMPLE.

Henry C. Akin.
Gustave Anderson.
Henry Hardy.
J. B. Rahm.

TEBALA TEMPLE.

Geo. R. Atkinson.

TRIPOLI TEMPLE.

Luther L. Caufy.
W. H. Brazier.
Wm. Reckmeyer.

ZAMORA TEMPLE.

Geo. A. Blinn, Jr.

ZEM ZEM TEMPLE.

Sam B. Kennedy.
Francis J. Bassett.
Willis W. Kerr.

ZIYARA TEMPLE.

William H. Cloher, Jr.
John B. Jones.
George D. Frank.
Jacob Scheehl.

ZURAH TEMPLE.

John A. Schlener.
J. B. Hudson.
A. W. Paris.
S. S. Kilvington.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their report as follows:—

*To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council,
A.A.O.N.M.S.*

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to submit the following report:—

Credentials in the proper form have been presented to the committee as to the following named Nobles, and we recommend that they be received as representatives of their respective Temples and recognized as active members of this session of the Imperial Council:

WALTER M. FLEMING	.	.	.	.	Member <i>ad vitam</i> .
SAM BRIGGS	.	.	.	.	" "
WM. B. MELISH	.	.	.	.	" "
THOS. J. HUDSON	.	.	.	.	" "
CHARLES L. FIELD	.	.	.	.	" "

Abdallah Temple.

John H. Atwood.
Peter J. Freling.
Charles F. Rebsamen.

Acca Temple.

George L. Street.
Fred Pleasants.

Aifi Temple.

William G. Rowland.

Ahmed Temple.

Francis M. Moore.

Aladdin Temple.

John P. McCune.
William E. Joseph.

Al Chymia Temple.

Harry E. Coffin.

Aleppo Temple.

Benjamin W. Rowell.
James A. Fox.
Frederick H. Spring.
Caleb Saunders.

Algeria Temple.

Henry L. Frank.

Alhambra Temple.

Archibald N. Sloan.

Al Kader Temple.

Napoleon Davis.

Al Koran Temple.

Louis J. Noble.
Neville S. Harris.
Robert Wallace.
Lloyd Booth.

Al Malaikah Temple.

Frank Raeder.
Cornelius W. Pendelton.
Charles Campbell.

Almas Temple.

Harrison Dingman.
George H. Walker.
Harry Standiford.
Frank H. Thomas.

Ararat Temple.

Ethelbert F. Allen.
Arnold Shanklin.
J. D. Havens.
Thomas R. Morrow.

Ballut Abyad Temple.

John H. Kuhns.

Ben Hur Temple.

Wm. H. Bell.

Boumi Temple.

George W. Starr.
W. J. Cunningham.
Charles W. Hatter.

Cyprus Temple.

James B. McEwan.
William W. Grey.
Thomas J. Bishop.

Damascus Temple.

George F. Loder.
Morris F. Clark.
Norman F. Haskell.

El Jebel Temple.

Albert B. McGaffey.
Alvin Adams.
Alonzo F. Vick Roy.
George W. Vallery.

El Kalah Temple.

Gardner S. Clark.

El Kahir Temple.

Austin D. Brown.
M. S. Rizer.
George W. Ball.
E. E. Clark.

El Katif Temple.

W. W. Witherspoon.

El Riad Temple.

Arthur B. Kittredge.
E. T. Taubman.
Joe Green.

El Zagal Temple.

John A. Gilles.
Thomas Kleinogel.
Hamilton W. Gearey.

El Zaribah Temple.

J. G. Hilzinger.

Hamasa Temple.

E. J. Martin.

Hella Temple.

George H. Green.
James Garrity.
John G. Hunter.

India Temple.

Luke Ellison.

Irem Temple.

William L. Raeder.

Isis Temple.

Stephen J. Osborn.
Edward W. Wellington.
Winfield W. Watson.
James A. Kimball.

Islam Temple.

Victor D. Duboce.
Charles L. Patton.
Franklin H. Day.
John H. Gray.

Ismailia Temple.

Charles W. Cushman.
Frank T. Gilbert.
George L. Brown.
Erastus C. Knight.

Jerusalem Temple.

Richard Lambert.

Kaaba Temple.

Cyrus T. Darling.

John Soller.

George M. Titus.

John Hoyt.

Kismet Temple.

Edwin Knowles.

Clarence E. Stump.

Frank C. Mason.

Charles F. Perry.

Kora Temple.

J. Frank Babbitt.

Charles E. Libby.

Korein Temple.

John C. Davis.

Kosair Temple.

William Ryan.

Frank H. Johnson.

Lu Lu Temple.

Edward B. Jordan.

Fred Leibbrandt.

Philip C. Shaffer.

Arthur H. Woodward.

Mecca Temple.

George W. Millar.

James McGee.

Saram R. Ellison.

Augustus W. Peters.

Media Temple.

Joseph S. McConnell.

Danford G. Eggleston.

Lewis W. Day.

Medinah Temple.

Robert M. Johnson.

William Johnston.

Frank C. Roundy.

Frank W. Campbell.

Mohammed Temple.

Thomas I. Ballentine.

George F. Henthorne.

Moila Temple.

Olin E. Vandeventer.

George Calder.

Moolah Temple.

Frederick A. Smith.

Geo. T. Matthews.

John A. Laird.

Charles H. Granger.

Morocco Temple.

Irving E. Baird.

Moslem Temple.

Charles F. Beck.

William M. Bailey.

Edward R. Harris.

George F. Fowle.

Mount Sinai Temple.

Edwin O. Hibbard.

George F. Flanders.

Austin D. Paige.

Murat Temple.

William H. Schmidt.

Joseph W. Smith.

Chalmers Brown.

Roscoe O. Hawkins.

Naja Temple.

J. W. Freeman.

Oasis Temple.

Walter S. Liddell.

Oriental Temple.

Henry Schneider.

Charles H. Smith.

John H. Crutchley.

Thomas T. Smith.

Osman Temple.

William H. S. Wright.
Frederick E. Rice.
Henry C. Hope.
J. W. Chamberlain.

Osiris Temple.

W. W. Irwin.
Matthew R. Wolff.
W. W. Van Winkle.

Palestine Temple.

George H. Burnham.
Horace K. Blanchard.
George L. Shepley.
Albert L. Anthony.

Pyramid Temple.

Thad B. Beecher.
Hugh Stirling.
Carleton E. Hoadley.
Charles B. Ware.

Rajah Temple.

James L. Rake.
Harry P. Keiser.
J. William Jost.

Rameses Temple.

Henry A. Collins.

Sahara Temple.

John T. Marsh.

Saladin Temple.

Lou B. Winsor.
Charles E. Fink.
A. F. Peake.
George F. Sinclair.

Sphinx Temple.

Rial S. Peck.
Frank D. May.
William G. Simmons.

Sesostris Temple.

De Forrest E. Green.
John E. Leonhardt.
E. G. Drake.

Syria Temple.

William S. Brown.
James Kerr, Jr.
William H. Walker.
Americus V. Holmes.

Syrian Temple.

Jacob H. Bromwell.
Morris H. Buchwalter.
Levi C. Goodale.
Allen Andrews.

Tangier Temple.

Henry C. Akin.
Gustave Anderson.
Henry Hardy.
J. B. Rahm.

Tebala Temple.

George R. Atkinson.

Tripoli Temple.

Luther L. Caufy.
William H. Braizer.
William Reckmeyer.

Yaarab Temple.

Henry C. Stockdell.

Zamora Temple.

George A. Blinn, Jr.

Zem Zem Temple.

Sam B. Kennedy.
Frank J. Bassett.
Willis W. Kerr.

Ziyara Temple.

William H. Cloher, Jr.
John B. Jones.
George D. Frank.
Jacob Scheehl.

Zurah Temple.

John A. Schlener.
Joseph B. Hudson.
A. W. Paris.
S. S. Kilvinton.

Your committee report that no returns have been received from Salaam Temple and they are therefore not entitled to representation.

Your committee find that Alee Temple, Beni Kedem Temple and El Korah Temple, being under dispensation, are not entitled to have representation in this session.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK T. GILBERT,
JOHN T. MARSH,
CHARLES W. HATTER,
J. F. BABBITT,
Committee on Credentials.

APPOINTMENTS.

The Imperial Potentate announced the following appointments to fill vacancies on committees:

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

JOHN P. McCUNE, *vice* RICHARD P. MARVIN

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

JOHN H. GRAY, *vice* VICTOR D. DUBOCE.

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAW.

A. F. VICK ROY, *vice* GEORGE H. BURNHAM.

MILEAGE AND PAY OF REPRESENTATIVES.

GEORGE M. TITUS, *vice* BENJAMIN F. NELSON.
E. J. MARTIN, " A. F. VICK ROY.

OUTER GUARD.

JOHN HOYT, *vice* GEO. F. WHITE.

ANNUAL ADDRESS

TO THE

Imperial Council and Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

BY

HARRISON DINGMAN, IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

DETROIT, MICH., June 8, 1897.

*To the Imperial Council and to the Nobility of the Mystic Shrine
throughout our Jurisdiction.*

For the twenty-third time the Annual Session of this Imperial Council has been convened for the purpose of reviewing the record of the past, and looking forward in hopeful anticipation of a prosperous future. We meet today under the most delightful auspices; gathered in this lovely city and in this splendid building, soon to be dedicated for and to the cause of Masonry in all its various branches. It ought to be an incentive to us to look carefully into the future, that our Order, like that of Masonry from which it sprang, may live and flourish long after all now present shall have gone to the high and brighter home which awaits the true follower of the faithful. We meet within the oasis of one of our prominent Temples, known throughout our Order as a live, energetic, enthusiastic band of Arabs, and from their well-known hospitality it is an assured fact that ere we turn our faces homeward we shall each know that we have been under the protecting dome of these whole-souled Nobles of Moslem Temple.

The year has been one of quietude — no dissensions of any kind, but peace and harmony have reigned supreme throughout our entire Order — and when the great business depression is taken into consideration, it will, I think, be seen that the growth of our Order is another cause for congratulation.

During the year we have been singularly blessed in that the saving arm of the Prophet to whom we look for life and health has been thrown around us with special care. Only one of the officers, past or present, or the Representatives of this Imperial Council has been called away (from

this pleasant earthly home). Past Imperial Treasurer Joseph S. Wright, after a long illness, died in Denver, Colo. He was a man of recognized ability, and discharged with fidelity and success all the duties imposed upon him. Better even than his work was the man behind the work; kind and loyal, he gained an unusual hold upon the affection of his fellows; and before proceeding with the business of the session it is but meet that we should lift our hearts in silent prayer of gratitude to the Great Master for his kindness in preserving so many of us, and permitting us once again to come together in annual session. May another year find us as blessed.

With this, let me with great pleasure extend a kindly welcome and a cordial greeting to each Representative here assembled, and should any be detained by sickness from gathering with us, may Allah protect and bless them and make possible a rapid recovery to perfect health.

I shall briefly present to you such matters connected with the administration of the office you entrusted me with at Cleveland on the 23d of June, 1896, and hope that there will be some matters therein named which may meet with your commendation.

OFFICERS APPOINTED.

The last session of this Imperial Council having made a change in Section 2, Article 4, the five remaining officers became appointive, and by resolution of this Imperial Council the Imperial Potentate was authorized to appoint these officers at his pleasure and report in print his action in the premises. Under the above authority I made the following appointments, viz.:—

Noble Henry C. Akin	Imperial 1st Ceremonial Master
Noble Allen Andrews	Imperial 2d Ceremonial Master
Noble Horace K. Blanchard	Imperial Marshal
Noble George H. Green	Imperial Captain of the Guard
Noble Geo. F. White	Imperial Outer Guard

and by circular dated June 29, 1896, from the office of the Imperial Potentate, notice of the same was sent to all Representatives, Potentates and Recorders. At the same time the following Nobles were designated and commissioned to install the above appointees before the respective Temples from which they were appointed:—

Noble Ira H. Rhodes	Tangier Temple for Henry C. Akin
Noble Wm. B. Melish	Syria Temple for Allen Andrews
Noble Geo. H. Burnham	Palestine Temple for H. K. Blanchard
Noble L. M. Knepfley	Hella Temple for Geo. H. Green
Noble Geo. M. Titus	Kaaba Temple for Geo. F. White

and by reports received from the Nobles thus commissioned, the appointive officers were all duly installed in their respective offices.

BONDS IMPERIAL RECORDER AND IMPERIAL TREASURER.

Under date of June 29, 1896, I received the official bonds of the Imperial Recorder and Imperial Treasurer, and accepted and approved them both. The bond of the Imperial Recorder was for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) with two good and sufficient sureties, citizens of Boston, Mass., known personally to the Imperial Potentate as ample security for the sum named in the bond. The bond of the Imperial Treasurer was with the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), expiring July 25, 1897, at a cost to the Imperial Council of \$100 per annum. Both bonds are submitted with this report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF 1896.

The Imperial Council at its last session ordered an appropriation of \$500 to procure a Past Imperial Potentate jewel for Illustrious Noble Chas. L. Field, and the Deputy Imperial Potentate appointed as the committee to attend to the same, Nobles Edward B. Jordan, Lu Lu Temple; James McGee, Mecca Temple; and Thad K. Beecher, Pyramid Temple, who placed the order for the manufacture of the jewel in question in the hands of Noble Chas. G. Braxmar, New York city. Upon the completion of the jewel the committee selected Noble Reuben H. Lloyd of Islam Temple, San Francisco, to present the same to our Junior Past Imperial Potentate, and caused said jewel to be expressed to Noble Lloyd who duly presented the same at a large and enthusiastic gathering of the nobility of Islam Temple, of which Temple Noble Field has been a member for many years, and once again has had the honored mantle of the Potentateship placed upon his shoulders. It is presumed that the report of the committee will be presented to you at this session, accompanied by a more detailed account of the presentation, and also that "Charlie" will be here with his pleasant smile and his new jewel.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW TEMPLES.

The Imperial Council at its last session having authorized the issue of dispensations to new Temples at Savannah, Georgia; Charleston, W. Va., and Boise City, Idaho, the same were properly prepared, and in the case of Alee Temple, Savannah, and Beni Kedom Temple, Charleston, were with all other necessary papers forwarded to the respective Potentates, U D., with proper instructions as to the correct manner of proceeding. That these suggestions were understood and lived up to will be shown by the account of my official visit to them, in a later part of this report. In the case of El Korah Temple, Boise City, Idaho, the dispensation and other documents were transmitted to Noble Richard

Lockey, Algeria Temple, at Helena, Mont.,— that Noble was duly commissioned and instructed, but as yet I have not been advised of the organization of said Temple. Noble Lockey seems to have tried in all proper ways to effect an organization of this Temple, but without avail. His latest letter to me of date June 1, 1897, would indicate that the inability of Nobles at Boise City to start their Temple was owing to the severe financial depression existing throughout that entire section of the country, and believing with him that it was through no lack of zeal on the part of the Nobles making the original application for a Temple at this point, but solely for causes given, I have to recommend that the dispensation heretofore issued to form El Korah Temple, Boise City, Idaho, be continued for another year.

TEMPLES CONSTITUTED UNDER CHARTER.

Charters having been granted to Sphinx Temple, Hartford, Conn., and El Zaribah Temple, Phoenix, Ariz., it became my duty to constitute these Temples in person or else to appoint special Deputies for that purpose. It would have been a special pleasure could I have gone in person to both places, but the distance, time and expense would not admit of my going to Arizona, so under date of Nov. 27, 1896, I commissioned Noble Freeman G. Teed of Al Malaikah Temple, Los Angeles, Cal., to proceed to Phoenix and institute and constitute El Zaribah Temple and deliver to them the charter authorized by this Imperial Council. Noble Teed very gladly consented to perform the duty assigned him and under date of Dec. 16, 1896, accompanied by Noble Clarence E. DeCamp, Director of Al Malaikah Temple, was present and duly constituted another bright star in the firmament of our brilliant Temples, and installed the officers of said Temple. As evidence that no mistake was made in granting charter to this Temple I present his report in full.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 19, 1896.

HARRISON DINGMAN, ESQ.,

Imperial Potentate, Mystic Shrine.

Atlantic Building, Washington, D.C.

Illustrious and Noble Sir: In compliance with the very pleasant duty assigned to me in your late communication, requesting me, as your Deputy, to institute and constitute El Zaribah Temple, and accompanied by Illustrious Noble Clarence E. DeCamp, the able Director of Al Malaikah Temple of Los Angeles, I left here on the morning of the 15th inst., and after a long dreary trip through the deserts of California and Arizona, reached the beautiful oasis of Phoenix late in the afternoon of the 16th, and was received by the Nobles of El Zaribah with open arms, and was immediately escorted to the Temple where the work of institution, etc., commenced at four o'clock in the afternoon and was continued to a finish.

The proceedings were begun by a street parade of about forty Nobles headed by the band of native Indians from the school located at Phoenix, and upon returning to the Temple I instituted the Temple in the shortest form possible; whereupon they elected their officers, who were immediately thereafter installed by myself assisted by Noble DeCamp as marshal. The hall was then prepared and decorated in ancient Arabic manner for the reception of novices, and I had the pleasure of witnessing the conferring of the work by the newly-elected officers in a most accurate and creditable manner. Following the work there was a traditional banquet fit for the gods, and I regret very much that you were not present in person, as you were by deputy, to see what a creditable people you have in this far remote spot.

I desire especially to testify to the ability of the Recorder, Noble Armstrong. I found their records neatly and handsomely kept; the books and all matters pertaining to the official business of the Temple is in first class condition. They have, during the time they were under dispensation, provided themselves with a complete and elaborate outfit of costumes and other paraphernalia necessary to carry on the work of the Temple.

The attendance at the meeting was good, among those present being United States judges, an ex-governor, the probable next governor, and other prominent citizens of the Territory; and in conclusion I am sure that I make no mistake that the interests of the Mystic Shrine in the Territory of Arizona are in the best of hands and a brilliant future is assured.

I beg to thank you for the confidence displayed in me by this appointment, and trusting that your health and happiness is everything that it should be, I remain,

Yours in the Faith,

FREEMAN G. TEED.

Sphinx Temple, Hartford, Conn., was looked after by myself, under date of Oct. 15, 1896, and on this visit I was accompanied by Illustrious Noble B. W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, whom I commissioned for the purpose of assisting me in the work of the evening. Noble Rowell and I reached Hartford during the early evening of October 14, were met by Noble Rial S. Peck, Potentate, and other officers of the Temple and escorted to Heilbind's Hotel where in a few minutes we found ourselves seated at a table from which all the good things one could by any possibility desire seemed ever ready to appear. Shrine talk was the order of the gathering and a most delightful session it was; we felt we were not with strangers but truly in the house of our friends. Modesty forbids me to name the hour at which the kind Nobles of Sphinx allowed us to go to rest, but surely we dreamt the dreams of the happy and contented.

Early next day carriages were at the hotel and we were driven through this lovely city, shown its stately trees and beautiful views of surrounding country. Met many of the Nobles of Sphinx Temple, inspected the armory of the 1st Company Governor's Foot Guards where the Temple was to hold its session, pronounced it to be perfectly safe

for a Shrine meeting, and then asked our kind friends to waive all further ceremony until the hour for the evening festivities should arrive.

The afternoon was used by Noble Rowell and myself in a review of many matters of correspondence which had taken place, and in a discussion of other subjects which were believed to be for the benefit of our Order.

At 7.30 a committee from the Temple came to the hotel and escorted us to the armory building before mentioned — where the nobility of Sphinx Temple had assembled in large numbers. After the reception I instituted and constituted the Temple, installed their officers, Noble Rowell acting as Imperial Marshal, and after a short address to the Nobles, the ceremonial work of the evening was proceeded with. Seventy-three novices crossed the hot sands of the desert and it is but fair to state that the journey was made very interesting to them. After the conclusion of the work of the evening all the Nobles were marched to the supper room and partook of a bountiful repast which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Sphinx Temple has a fine set of working officers, complete outfit for conferring the orders, a commodious room in which to work, and are to be warmly congratulated on having a live, energetic, pushing band of Arabs gathered together. We find them here today represented by three members of this Imperial Council and a membership of over four hundred Nobles, which for a Temple only about a year old, shows that Sphinx intends to hold her own in her part of the State. I shall always be pleased that the opportunity came to me to institute Sphinx Temple.

To Illustrious Potentate Peck and his associate officers I shall always feel that I am under special obligations for their extraordinary efforts to make my visit among them one long to be remembered.

DISPENSATIONS.

Under date of Aug. 10, 1896, I received a communication from Noble H. C. Stockdell, Potentate of Yaarab Temple, Atlanta, Ga., advancing reasons for and desiring to know if I would grant to the Nobles of Macon, Ga., a dispensation for a new Temple, stating that Yaarab would in his opinion cheerfully consent to the same. Under date of August 11, I advised Noble Stockdell that Section 2, Article XIII., provided that where two or more Temples existed in a State or Territory no charter or dispensation could be granted except by action of the Imperial Council, and as there were two Temples already in the State, there was no way in which a dispensation could be granted except by action of this Imperial body. Should such request come before the Imperial Council at this session I am of the opinion that it would be bad judgment to grant the same, there being less than seven hundred Knights

Templars in the State of Georgia attached to the ten commanderies there located; and with one Temple now in Atlanta and one at Savannah, another would very seriously interfere with the prosperity of the Temples already established in this State.

On the same day I received request from Illustrious Noble Caleb Saunders, Potentate Aleppo Temple, Boston, Mass., requesting a dispensation for said Temple to meet at Weirs, N.H., sometime during the month of September, and confer the orders on candidates, and earnestly urging the granting of said authority. Under date of Aug. 11, 1896, I wrote Potentate Saunders declining to grant the dispensation asked for, the reason being that the Constitution and Law of the Imperial Council says on page 19 under head of Jurisdiction of Temples that "a Temple can only confer the order and have meetings within its own jurisdiction, and the holding of ceremonial sessions in unoccupied territory is unconstitutional and prohibited." I made this ruling on the mandatory law as printed in the Imperial Council constitution, but a subsequent careful examination of the proceedings held at Cleveland last year demonstrates the fact that this law was never presented from any committee or acted upon by the Imperial Council and should not have been printed in the Imperial Council constitution, and under a strict ruling is of no binding force or effect.

I recommend to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Law that they take cognizance of the resolution referred to and also the one immediately preceding it on the same page, both having been printed as laws by error, and present them to this Imperial Council for approval or disapproval as in their judgment may seem best for the Order.

By letter of March 20, 1897, I received from the office of the Imperial Recorder a petition from ten Nobles claiming residence at Charleston and other places in South Carolina, praying that a dispensation might issue authorizing them to form and open a new Temple of the Mystic Shrine in the City of Charleston, S.C., under the amended name of "Akaba." Of the ten petitioners two of them claimed residence in other States, one in Maryland, one in Alabama, so that the petition may be considered to have been signed by eight Nobles claiming residence in the State. Under the law I advised the nearest Temple (Alee) of the receipt of the petition in question, and also asked Noble Theo. A. W. Melchers, who was named first on the petition and suggested as the proper one for the first Potentate of this contemplated Temple, for evidence showing the number of Knight Templars and Scottish Rite Masons in the State having the necessary prerequisites to become Nobles of our Order, that I might satisfy myself as to the prospect of success of this new Temple, if granted dispensation.

The data called for as above named being all in my possession by May 1, as well as letters from the Potentates of Oasis and Alec Temples,

I made careful revision of the case and under date of May 6, 1897, notified Noble Melchers as follows, viz.: "I have given careful consideration to the petition of the Nobles of your city for this new Temple, and with the limited number of persons in your section possessing the necessary prerequisites, I am not entirely satisfied that a Temple of the Nobility of the Mystic Shrine would be successful in Charleston, so with this doubt in my mind and some objections on the part of Temples already organized, I can see no other way for me to act but to decline to grant this dispensation and refer the whole subject, with the papers in the case, to the Imperial Council for such action as they may deem right and proper." I have, therefore, made memorandum brief of the evidence presented, and the same has been placed in the hands of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, who will in due time submit their recommendations to this Imperial Council. I do not believe a Temple of our Order could be made a success of at this place.

It gives me pleasure to advise the Imperial Council that application will be made at this session by a proper number of the Nobility for a Temple of our Order at Springfield, Mass., and that Aleppo Temple has given her consent to the same and her representatives instructed to advocate the granting of a charter to the Nobles at this place.

The jurisdiction lines of the State have been agreed upon by the interested Nobles,—the new Temple to have jurisdiction over Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties, and Aleppo the balance of the State. I recommend dispensation be granted these applicants.

Several Temples submitted requests for change of their annual meeting night, accompanied in each case by good and sufficient reason therefor, and acting under authority contained in Article 32, page 15, Constitution and Law of the Imperial Council, special dispensations were granted to Tripoli, Zuhrah, Acca, Mt. Sinai, Medinah, Kora, Damascus, El Zagal, and Naja Temples, authorizing the election of officers and representatives at designated meetings other than the one named in the by-laws of these respective Temples.

Under date of March 8 last, I received a request from Noble Sam Briggs, Potentate Al Koran Temple, for special dispensation to communicate the order to one Wm. P. Herbert, who had been elected in said Temple but, being a travelling agent, had not been able to be present at any of their regular sessions, etc. To this I sent answer of date March 10 as follows: "Replying I would say that having carefully considered the reasons advanced by you and deeming them good and sufficient, I hereby grant you special dispensation to communicate the order to Sir Knight Herbert, provided a quorum of Al Koran Temple be properly assembled and the order communicated in a regular tyled room and rooms."

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have, during the incumbency of my office, had the pleasure of mingling with the Nobles in many of our Temples throughout the land, and while it has taken many days from my business life and has caused weariness from travel and loss of usual rest, yet in the belief that possibly some good has been accomplished, and our Order benefited thereby, I am pleased to have had the time, health and strength to have seen as much of the Order as this report will show.

In all of the Temples thus visited, without exception, I have been treated not only with the honors befitting the station that I for the moment occupied, but with sincerest friendship. In each and all of them there reigned a feeling of fraternity and nobility, worthy of the palmiest days of the Order, and each and every Shriner vied with each other to make the occasion not only pleasant but memorable. The spirit thus exhibited and the feeling of good fellowship engendered has contributed vastly to the cementing of those bonds without which the Order would only be one in name, and not in reality.

There is one regret in this connection — that time and circumstances beyond my control prevented me from visiting all of the Temples, for I am sure I would have found in those not visited the same condition of prosperity, fraternity and good cheer that animates those that I did have the honor to visit.

I now submit the record of my visits.

My first official visit was to Zuhrah Temple, Minneapolis, Minn., September 3, stopping a day in Chicago, *en route*, where I had the pleasure of meeting Nobles Robt. M. Johnson, Wm. Johnston, Frank C. Roundy, Wm. M. Knight and others of Medinah Temple, each of whom helped to make the day pass quickly.

On the evening of the session of Zuhrah Temple, accompanied by Ills. Noble Wm. H. S. Wright, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, I was escorted from the West Hotel to Masonic Temple by a committee in charge of Noble John A. Schlener, and duly presented to the Temple, meeting with a warm greeting from Potentate J. B. Hudson. The work of the evening was of a high order, the first section being put upon the floor in a most creditable manner, the musical portion being the finest I have ever heard in any Temple. Twenty-nine novices were made to realize that there were novelties in existence which they had never seen offered for sale in their city, and many of which I had never seen before or since. The Director, Noble S. S. Kilvington, was suddenly taken ill the day before the Temple met, which, I was informed, interfered somewhat with the warmth of the reception accorded to the candidates. Many Nobles from Osman Temple of St. Paul were present, Noble T. W. Hugo, Potentate of that Temple, assisting in the work and many

visiting Nobles from the Temples of the Northwest being with us also. I found everything in and about the Temple in first-class condition. About eight hundred partook of the hospitalities of Zuhrah after the close of the Temple. During this visit to St. Paul and Minneapolis Nobles Wright, Chamberlin, Hope and Lawless of Osman, and Nobles Schlener, Hudson, Dobbins, Paris and Hartley of Zuhrah were more than attentive to my wants.

September 5 was spent in Milwaukee, Wis., with Nobles Caufy, Brazier, Reckmeyer and others of Tripoli Temple. The day was taken up with drives around the city, visit to the new Temple and inspection of Shrine rooms, and a most enjoyable dinner at the Phister Hotel where jollity and mirth made time pass so quickly that it was with regret I left to take my train.

The evening of September 6 and the greater portion of the day of the 7th was made memorable by being in company with the Representatives of Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, N.Y., Nobles Cushman, Gilbert, Brown, Knight and Grafton acting as a special committee. Their duty was to see that I did not want for anything either liquid or solid, and they did their duty well and had my thanks then and now.

September 9 I was present in Utica, N.Y., making an official visit to Ziyara Temple, which is still fresh in my memory. The Temple was ordered out for evening parade, and under escort of committee I was driven to the place of honor in line, and red fire and Roman candles were prominent for the next hour, thousands of people being on the streets to see the display made by this very active Temple. At the conclusion of the parade the ceremonial session was commenced—thirty-four sons of the desert marching over the hot sands. The work was well done, the Temple well equipped, officers attentive to their duties, and my visit made a very enjoyable one by the care and attention of the Potentate, Noble Roderick Campbell. At the conclusion of the work the traditional banquet was served and at the hour of midnight I was escorted to my hotel.

The following evening (September 10) I was present at a special smoker of Oriental Temple, Troy, N.Y., called for the purpose of having the Imperial Potentate meet the Nobles in social session; a most enjoyable night, terminating in a dinner at one of their clubs. Noble Harry Schneider, Potentate, and Nobles Lent, Finder, Smith, McArthur and Lloyd were more than kind and have a very warm spot in my heart.

Under date of September 29, accompanied by a delegation of sixty-three Nobles of Almas Temple under charge of Noble Frank H. Thomas, acting Potentate, I visited Boumi Temple, Baltimore, Md., and saw the order conferred upon twelve candidates in the usual delightful manner for which Boumi Temple is so well known. Noble George W. Starr has been Potentate of this Temple six years, and is an earnest, indefatigable

worker, with many zealous helpers in his Temple. The Recorder's books and records are always in splendid condition and, like the Potentate, his heart is in the work, so their Temple goes ever onward, gaining in popularity and abounding in additional good deeds from year to year. Nobles Cunningham and Hatter, who, with the Potentate, are the Representatives to this Imperial Council, were the committee of the evening to look after the needs of the Imperial Potentate, and so attentive were they to their duty that he did not have to make a call. After the conclusion of the work all repaired to the banquet hall, where a great sufficiency of the good things of life were served. At 12.15, after a happy evening with the whole-souled Nobles of Boumi, the Washington party repaired to the station and reached home in due time, all feeling that there was a little closer touch between the two Temples than there had been before.

My next official visit was late in October, leaving the night of October 27 for Charleston, W. Va., to witness the first work of the officers of Beni Kedem Temple, U.D., in company with Noble J. H. Wardle of Almas Temple. By official designation Ill. Noble Wm. S. Brown joined me at this place, arriving just prior to Noble Wardle and myself. Reached the oasis of Beni Kedem at noon the following day, where we were met at the station by the Potentate and several officers of the Temple and escorted to Ruffner's Hotel, where dinner was soon in waiting, after which a drive around the city, a chance to rest and dress, and then under escort of a special committee we proceeded to the Masonic Temple and were received with great honor by the nobility there assembled.

This was the first ceremonial session of the new Temple and I was naturally expecting some errors in their work, but with the exception of a little stiffness in the floor work, always noticeable in first night performances, the rendition of the degree was equal to that of many of the older Temples with their well-drilled set of officers, and the forty-six victims for their first effort will long remember the initial performance of Beni Kedem Temple. I was much impressed with the great interest the officers took in showing their knowledge of that which the ritual had prescribed for them, and I bespeak for this Temple a very bright future. They have a complete and very nice outfit of all necessary paraphernalia,—a bright, energetic Potentate (Ill. Neil Robinson), a large membership for a year-old Temple, and know how to make the hours pass pleasantly when one wanders into their oasis. At the conclusion of the work the Temple was closed and all repaired to the banquet hall where, after the wants of the inner man were appeased, speech and song held sway until the early morning hours.

Beni Kedem Temple presents its report to date, showing one hundred and sixty-six members on the rolls of their Temple, assets to the amount of \$1,175.00, and as above shown, have all requisites to do first-class

work. I therefore take great pleasure in recommending to the Imperial Council that they grant Beni Kedem Temple a charter at this session.

October 29, Alee Temple, U.D., Savannah, Ga. Reached this city at 6.45 A.M., October 29, and although the hour was early, I found the Potentate, John H. Cavanaugh, in waiting to extend a Shriner's greeting; and as he was an old friend and for many years had been a member of Almas Temple at Washington, the meeting and greeting was most pleasant. During the day Noble Cavanaugh and Noble Alfred S. Nichols, another former member of Almas Temple, drove me through their lovely city and out to their beautiful parks, making a day that will live with me in memory dear until I shall have the pleasure of going there once again.

At the appointed time I was escorted to the place of meeting of Alee Temple and after the usual reception the work of the evening was taken up. This Temple had worked on a class previous to my visit, so had smoothed off some of the roughness natural to a new Temple, and the ten petitioners who came for degrees that night could find no fault with the work, I know. They have a very fine set of robes and all necessary paraphernalia for the complete working of the Order. Potentate Cavanaugh is a host in himself, well known in that entire section — a natural ritualist, and instills into his officers some of his own spirit; so the work of the evening moved along with clock-like regularity which was a pleasure to see. This Temple has a splendid quartette who delight in the work of the Shrine as well as in the music. The meetings which the Temple held previous to my visit were for the purpose of putting this choir over the coals, so that they could be present to regulate the music on the evening above named.

At the close of the Temple all repaired to the Pulaski Hotel and enjoyed a delightful banquet, where the good things for which Savannah is famous were continually forthcoming. The nobility and the dinner were so entertaining that I sadly regretted when it became necessary for me to slip away to the train in time to make connections for another meeting with the Nobles of the South. At 12.25 my train started Northward and I had been privileged to officially inspect two of the new, but especially bright jewels of our Order.

Alee Temple will do well — has the best of material in her ranks, and while she will never have a large membership, will go surely and steadily upward, giving no cause of regret to the Imperial Council for having given her life and power.

The report of this Temple to date shows a membership of forty-nine; assets to the extent of \$1,830.84, and possessing all necessary requisites to do entertaining and instructive work. It gives me great pleasure to recommend that the Imperial Council grant a charter to Alee Temple at this session.

Arrived at Oasis Temple, Charlotte, N.C., at 8.25 A.M., October 29, and was met at the train by committee who escorted me to the Central Hotel. During the day I was driven from one interesting point to another, and when time came for the session of the evening, was escorted to the place of meeting and duly welcomed by the Chief Rabban, who expressed his disappointment that the Illustrious Potentate, Walter S. Liddell, had been unexpectedly detained at Dallas, Texas. At the request of the Chief Rabban I took charge of the Temple and conferred the degree, receiving the very best of support from the officers of the Temple. Seven sons of the plains presented themselves and desired to be shown the *true light*, and at the conclusion of the evening's festivities they knew they had been properly instructed.

I was much pleased with Oasis Temple. They have a good membership, are careful of the ballot, do good work, have all necessary apparatus for properly impressing the candidates that they are of the correct faith, and are steadily going ahead in numbers. There was one regret only — the unavoidable absence of Potentate Liddell.

After the close of the Temple, lines were formed and we all marched to the hotel, where we partook of an excellently prepared banquet, after which speech, song and general enjoyment held sway until after the mystic twelve had pealed out on the midnight air.

Reached Washington Saturday night, having been away five days, travelling over eighteen hundred miles, visiting three of our bright Southern Temples, and leaving behind me, I hope, some thought or expression which will be of benefit to these Temples in particular and to our Order in general.

My next visit was to Aleppo Temple, Boston, Mass., which city I reached at 3 P.M. on November 5, and although in the thickest of a continued rain storm, a special committee, designated by the Illustrious Potentate, consisting of Nobles A. L. Richardson and Jos. W. Work, met me at the station, and under their kindly care I was soon whirled to the Adams House and from thence to Music Hall, where the official working corps of Aleppo Temple was assembled, and after introduction to the Nobility present a most pleasing and enjoyable luncheon was served.

Soon after the opening of the Temple I was received in proper form and to my astonishment found over fourteen hundred Nobles present from Aleppo and other Temples. Mecca Temple was represented by thirty Nobles in charge of Noble Charlie Benedict, Chief Rabban, which party included such distinguished members of our mother Temple as Nobles Geo. W. Millar, James McGee and Saram R. Ellison.

Before proceeding with the work of the night I had the pleasure of speaking to this immense gathering on the beauties of the Mystic Shrine, and though what I said has probably been forgotten long ere this, yet

the effect of looking into the face of what was equal in numbers to two regiments of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine has never left my memory. Shortly afterward Noble Caleb Saunders, the popular Potentate, ordered the caravan to move, and sixty-six victims were started on their weary walk across the desert plains. The work was well done, all officers being well up in the ritualistic part of the Order. The hall was commodious, the paraphernalia numerous and complete, and the verdict from those in the class was that they were amply repaid for their outlay in time and fee.

At the conclusion of the session, in connection with the delegation from Mecca Temple I was escorted to the Hotel Savoy, and at the invitation of the officers of Aleppo, partook of a most charming banquet from which none retired until far into the morning hours, and even then with regret that he must say adieu to the genial and hospitable Nobles of Aleppo Temple.

To Nobles Saunders, Fox, Waterman, Rowell, Spring, Davis and Porter, all household names to many members of this Imperial Council, I am under special obligations. They saw that I did not want for anything.

On December 9 I knocked at the door of Rajah Temple, Reading, Pa., and asked the Captain of the Guard to hand my visiting certificate to the Potentate, Noble J. Lew Rake, this being the first intimation he had received that I was to make Rajah Temple a visit. I was most cordially received and enjoyed the evening to a very large degree. It was their annual meeting night for the election of officers and representatives, and after it had been concluded the work of the evening was started with fourteen sons of the desert in the class, and I must say that I have never before seen in any Temple of our Order as completé and satisfactory rendition of the first section of our Ritual as was produced by Rajah Temple officers on the evening in question. Every officer was perfect in his part and was not afraid to let it be known that he took pride in the correct rendition. This Temple owns its place of meeting, the walls being decorated in true Arabic style, adding much to the effect. They have some novel changes which even the candidates seemed to enjoy, and everything appertaining to their Temple was in splendid keeping.

At the conclusion of the work all repaired to the banquet hall where a very pleasing hour or more was spent in speech and song, the recollection of which still lingers with me.

Early the following day (December 10), I left Reading for Bridgeport, Conn., for a visit to Pyramid Temple that evening. Was met at the station by Noble Thad K. Beecher, Potentate, and Nobles Canfield, Wooster and Price, under whose skilful guidance I was enabled to meet quite a number of the nobility prior to the evening session.

In due time, accompanied by Noble W. Andrew Boyd of Almas Temple, I was received at the entrance to their Temple by a special detail of officers and escorted within their portals, presented to Noble Hugh Sterling, Past Potentate, presiding, and warmly welcomed by himself and Potentate Thad K. Beecher, who has been called again to assume command of this well-known Temple.

The regular paraphernalia, of which Pyramid Temple has an excellent supply, was further augmented for the evening by the presence of two splendid specimens of the camel tribe — one on the entrance floor, the other on the second or working floor, — and I regret that space does not permit me to describe the enjoyable rides the candidates eagerly clamored for, or the avidity shown in their selection of the animal which they thought would make the journey more pleasing.

Thirty-six wandering sons of the desert were marshalled in line, and the caravan, under directions from Noble Hugh Sterling, was started on the journey to Mecca. The sands were truly hot, the ceremonies unusually interesting, the ritual well rendered, and the musical portion, furnished by the well-known "Temple Quartette" of New York city, was enjoyed by all, adding largely to the pleasures of the evening.

At the conclusion of the evening's journey the Temple was closed, lines formed, and the march taken to the new Masonic Temple where a fine banquet was served. Among the visiting Nobles, both at Temple and table, was a delegation from Sphinx Temple of Hartford, at the head of which was Noble Rial S. Peck, Potentate, who in replying to the remarks of Potentate Beecher in introducing him, gave ample evidence of the cordial relations existing between the two Temples. This was warmly responded to by Noble Beecher, and I am sure we may be satisfied that the two Temples in the Nutmeg State will always work together harmoniously, ready at all times to join in any act which will be for the benefit and advancement of the Mystic Shrine.

My first visit of 1897 was made January 6, when under escort of twenty-five Nobles of Almas Temple in charge of Noble Harry Standiford, Potentate, I left Washington for Philadelphia to invade the oasis of Lu Lu Temple. On alighting from our car there we were met and welcomed by Noble Francis N. Hemperley, Chief Rabban of Lu Lu Temple, who guided us to our hotel and thence to the home of Lu Lu, where worshippers to the Shrine of our faith have attended by the thousand, all being made welcome. A hearty greeting was extended to the Imperial Potentate and his escort, also to Ills. Noble J. Lew Rake and a large delegation of Nobles of Rajah Temple, whom we found present on our arrival. Both delegations were served with a bountiful supper while the Temple was being prepared, at the conclusion of which all were received and welcomed in a most happy manner by Ills. Noble Philip C. Shaffer, the present Potentate of Lu Lu Temple. A very large

gathering of the nobility took place; it was rather a gala night for Lu Lu. Their commodious and well arranged hall (owned by themselves) had been entirely arranged with electric lights, flashed on for the first time; the Arab Patrol, making their first appearance in their bright, catchy, new uniforms, and the band of thirty odd pieces sending forth melodious and inspiring music, ought to have been sufficient to put the officers on their mettle, and it did, for they gave to the Nobles assembled a splendid exhibition of a rendition of the Shrine degree.

At the close of the session all gathered in the lower hall where the traditional banquet was served, during which the band played appropriate and much appreciated airs, and then with thanks to Potentate Shaffer, his officers and Nobles, for their never-ceasing attentions, we bade them all good night and repaired to our hotel.

On January 20 I left Washington, *en route* to Kora Temple, Lewiston, Me. The following morning found me in Boston, and although the hour was early and the storm of snow and rain one of the worst of the season, Imperial Recorder Rowell met me at the station and we had an hour's conference on matters of interest to our Order. Noble Rowell was unable to accompany me but I was honored by having Noble Caleb Saunders, Past Potentate of Aleppo Temple, join me at Lawrence, and the monotony and dreariness of the storm was forgotten in the pleasure of such genial company.

We arrived at Lewiston early in the afternoon of the 21st in a driving snow storm, were met by the Potentate of Kora Temple, Noble J. F. Babbitt, given a sleigh ride to the hotel and afterwards to the place of meeting, which was in a new building, the third and fourth floors being specially prepared for the use of Kora Temple, and on which they have a long lease. This place is splendidly arranged for the purposes of a Temple and I was agreeably surprised at the progress made by these Nobles. We inspected all the working apparatus for the evening, passed upon some portion of their work, sampled the Arabian punch which was being compounded, found it properly proportioned, and then returned to our hotel for dinner.

At the hour named by the Potentate we were again at their hall where Noble Saunders and myself were received in due and proper form, and after a few kindly words of admonition, advice and congratulation to them from your Imperial Potentate, the work of the evening was commenced. If I was surprised and pleased at their convenient and well furnished abode as a Temple of the Mystic Shrine, what do you think must have been my astonishment when the Recorder read off seventy-three petitions for the order, and the Ceremonial Masters reported that sixty-four of them were present to be introduced. I was astounded, but at the same time delighted and gratified.

The work was well done, their instruments of torture were ample and in good condition, the gathering was one of the largest in their

history, and everyone was happy and agreed that it was a particularly bright, red-letter night for Kora Temple. I am also happy to inform the Imperial Council that by letters received from Potentate Babbitt at various times since then, I learn they are still receiving petitions from different parts of the State, more numerous than at any other time since their organization.

The next night found me at Montpelier, Vt., within the oasis of Mt. Sinai Temple, having been met on the borders of the State by Noble Chas. H. Heaton, Recorder of this Temple, and former Representative to this Imperial Council, and in company with Nobles Heaton, Paige and others the forty miles were passed over so quickly that no record was made of the time consumed. At the appointed hour I was admitted to the Temple and presented to Potentate S. R. Colby by Noble Alfred A. Hall, I replying as best I could to their generous words of welcome. They had a large number of the nobility present. Twelve petitioners presented themselves for the degree, the entire work of the evening being rendered in a most creditable manner.

Mt. Sinai Temple is one of the oldest Temples of our Order, has a good membership, complete working outfit, some new devices which need to be seen in order to be appreciated, books and records in good shape and a good active corps of officers. Congratulations were due them and were gladly tendered. After the close of the session all repaired to the hotel and enjoyed a bountiful repast, at the conclusion of which, with Past Representative Alfred A. Hall as toastmaster, speech and music were indulged in until the bewitching hour of midnight was reached, when, with the melody of "Auld Lang Syne" still lingering in our minds, we bade each other good night, thus closing a most enjoyable evening with the Nobles of the Green Mountain State.

At the urgent request of Noble Frank T. Gilbert I was present at Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, N.Y., January 29, to inspect the Temple and install the officers. Was escorted to the Masonic Temple by Ills. Nobles Chas. W. Cushman, Jacob A. Stern and Horace A. Noble, and in due form presented to the nobility by Noble Cushman in his usual happy vein, and warmly welcomed by Potentate Gilbert. The business of the session having been transacted I assumed the East and with Noble Gilbert acting as Imperial Marshal, installed the newly-elected and appointive officers into their respective positions, and the ceremonial work of the evening was immediately proceeded with, the newly-installed Potentate, Dr. Geo. L. Brown, being in charge of the caravan. I was much pleased with the work of the new line of officers, and with the exception of a little timidity on the part of the new officers (it being their first effort) the degree was very satisfactorily and harmoniously worked, as the fourteen candidates could testify.

This Temple, like all others, has some novel features not seen in any other place, and in the working of which they excel; the second section giving full opportunity for bright, inventive minds.

Ismailia Temple has all the necessary fixtures for the benefit of the novices,—a large membership, an energetic line of officers, and an Arab Patrol that shows careful and persistent drill,—so that as the inspecting officer I had everything to commend and nothing to condemn.

It was a pleasure to find at this meeting Noble Walter S. Liddell, Potentate Oasis Temple, Charlotte, N.C., Noble Danford G. Eggleston, Potentate Media Temple, Watertown, N.Y., and Noble W. C. Shaw, Recorder of Zem Zem Temple, Erie, Pa.; all of whom responded in a pleasing way to toasts offered their respective Temples at the banquet. At the table all was mirth and jollity—an especially enjoyable evening and one long to be remembered. At this visit the weather was most severe of all the winter, but at every turn I found warm hearts and willing hands, and so was made to forget the cold, wind and snow. I remember the particular kindness of Nobles Cushman, Gilbert, Brown, Knight, Stern, Noble and Brothers, and can only hope that they may all live long and prosper.

Saturday, January 30, I was at Rochester, N.Y., at the request of Noble Geo. F. Loder, Potentate Damascus Temple, to meet in social way the Nobles of that Temple, and in the early evening was taken in charge of by Nobles Chas. A. Baker and N. F. Haskell and escorted to the room of Damascus Temple, there to be introduced to the Nobles assembled. A theatre party had been arranged which was very enjoyable, at the conclusion of which all returned to the hall of the Temple and were served with a very tempting collation. The Temple choir furnished their best songs and conversation followed until we separated just before the Sabbath morning.

This was a very pleasant visit to our second oldest Temple, organized June 7, 1876, twenty-one years ago yesterday, and which has had but one Potentate, Ills. Noble Geo. F. Loder, to preside during all these years. I was gratified at this opportunity of meeting the Nobles, but sorry that I could not have seen this Temple in working session.

February 4 I was at Albany, where I met Nobles Jas. B. McEwan, Potentate Cyprus Temple, Wm. E. Fitch, Recorder, and Past Potentates Armatage, Bishop and Grey, all of whom were exceedingly kind. Conferred with Nobles Fitch and Armatage on matters of interest to the welfare of our Order, and left late in the afternoon for Troy, N.Y., the home of Oriental Temple.

A Ceremonial Session was held in Oriental Temple, Friday evening, February 5, at which it was my pleasure to be present under escort of a committee consisting of Past Potentates Stowell, Finder and Lent. After introduction to the Temple by these distinguished Nobles I was warmly welcomed by Potentate Harry Schneider. This was my second visit to Oriental Temple, but the first to a working session. There was assembled a large and enthusiastic number of the Nobles, fully six

hundred strong, in their commodious and well arranged hall. The officers were well up in their work, their paraphernalia was complete in all its details, and the sixteen applicants seemed to fully enjoy the warmth of their reception. At the conclusion of the session we repaired to the hall below where the traditional banquet was served to the evident satisfaction of all. Following this very interesting feature of all Shrine meetings, the Nobles assembled in the hall again and for an hour were entertained by a legerdemain performance, enjoyed by all present. At this point, in company with some visiting Nobles of note from Cyprus Temple, I was asked to accompany the officers of the Temple to a luncheon at one of the leading clubs of the city, where all the good things which one could desire were set before us, thus closing what had been to me a session of about seven hours of rare enjoyment.

Accompanied by Noble Harry Standiford, Potentate of Almas Temple, I reached Cincinnati, O., on the morning of February 26, and on that evening was present at Syrian Temple meeting in Music Hall, the seating capacity of which is 3,500. The ceremonial work of the evening was all done on the stage (the nobility present, about 1,400, being seated on the first floor). Eighty-seven Knight Templars or Scottish Rite Masons who were desirous of enlisting under the banners of the Mystic Shrine, demanded admission, and having been found worthy and properly vouched for, the doors were opened and the festivities were immediately under way. Under the trained direction of such an experienced commander as Past Imperial Potentate Wm. B. Melish, now serving his fifteenth term as Potentate, it is not necessary for me to say aught of the work of the session other than that it was all one expected and just a little more. Some of the surprises were so quick and startling that even such an old stager as I, must admit to some hastened heartbeatings at certain critical periods in the work, and there is a certain medical Noble in the class of that evening whom I am sure will not forget his experience during this year or next.

When the work of the evening had been concluded a very interesting performance under the direction of an expert "Yellow Kid" was given, after which all repaired to the banquet hall and the nobility found placed before them tempting viands of all descriptions, with which they played sad havoc during the next hour; when the wants of the inner man being fully satisfied, each quietly and like a good Noble, wrapped his mantle closely around him and slipped away to home and slumber.

I remained in Cincinnati until Saturday evening to accept a complimentary dinner tendered me at which all the officers and representatives of Syrian Temple were present, and which was one of the most enjoyable gatherings of the year. Jollity and mirth reigned supreme for several hours, and it was with regret that at midnight I said good night to the assembled Nobles, but few of whom I have seen since. To Ills.

Nobles Melish, Bromwell, Buchwalter, Goodale and Andrews I am under additional obligations.

April 24, accompanied by Potentate Geo. W. Starr and twenty-five Nobles of Boumi Temple, Baltimore, and Potentate Harry Standiford with thirty-five Nobles of Almas Temple, Washington, and Potentate Philip C. Shaffer of Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, I made an official visit to Acca Temple, Richmond, Va. Reaching there in the early evening we were soon in proper dress to attend the session, and under escort of the Arab Patrol marched to Masonic Temple, but a few blocks away, where we were received in due form and the work of the session was immediately started. Fourteen sons of Arabia were ready for the caravan and so the fires were lighted and kept burning until the entire ceremonies of the Temple were completed. The work of all the officers was good, new features were introduced, and although it was an exceedingly close night all stayed and participated in the banquet that followed, at the close of which toasts and responses, with music and song, were the order of the night. This Temple is progressing very finely, has a splendid membership and always makes a sojourn in their oasis so enjoyable that one naturally desires to visit Acca just once more. Ills. Nobles Cunningham, Pleasants, Street, Ecker, Charlton and Howard are entitled to the thanks of the Imperial Potentate and the Representatives of Lu Lu, Boumi and Almas Temples who were present, for special attentions shown.

Last, but by no means least, I was present at Kismet Temple on April 30, and was accompanied by Nobles Boyd, Sample, Nailor and Boyle of Almas Temple. Was presented to the Temple by Nobles C. E. Stump and C. F. Perry and given a very cordial greeting by the Potentate, Noble Edwin Knowles, after which the work of the evening commenced.

Seven candidates were in line for the march when the command forward was given; the sands were kept well heated and the rope hard to hold on to, but they got there safely and are now presumably looking for other material to even up on. I was pleased to find Kismet Temple doing well, having recovered from her troubles of the past and now going steadily forward, and I think will make rapid strides from this time out. She has a carefully selected membership, a good active line of officers, who rendered a first-class degree, all necessary material for the proper care of those who form her caravan, and a good prospect of making large gains in her ranks within the next year.

I was most royally treated by the Nobles of Kismet, there being a pleasant rivalry as to which could manage to do the most for me, and that I reached home not disabled in any way was not the fault of a large number of these Nobles, from whom I name with pleasure Nobles Knowles, Stump, Perry, Hoffman, Landon and Abel. My thanks to them.

I had accepted invitation from Moslem Temple, this city, for February 18, and Saladin Temple, Grand Rapids, February 24, which by reason of illness I was obliged to annul by wire — much to my regret.

I had intimated to the officials of Osiris Temple, Wheeling, W. Va., and Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, Pa., that I would visit them under dates of May 13 and 14 respectively, but the absence from Washington of my business associate obliged me to cancel these dates at the last moment also, much to my regret in both cases.

I also received very kind and pressing requests from the Potentates of El Katif, Tangier, Algeria, Ararat, Korein, Islam, Hamasa, Moolah and Media Temples, to make them official visits, but owing to inability, from various causes, to leave my business, was obliged in each case to send my sincere regrets. The time consumed in the visitations that I had the pleasure of making, and in necessary trips to Boston and Detroit for consultation, took me away from home over two months and caused me to travel nearly fourteen thousand miles, but it can truly be said it was a labor of love, for my interest in our beloved Order is that strong that the days consumed or the miles travelled were as naught, if by it, in any way or act, our Order has thereby in the least been benefited.

I should be derelict in my duty if I closed this chapter without referring in warmest terms to the bounteous and overflowing series of entertainments tendered to the Imperial Potentate and Imperial Recorder by the Executive Committee of Moslem Temple at the time we were in this city (January 25 and 26) making the necessary arrangements for Headquarters, etc. From the moment of our arrival until the moment of our departure it was one continual effort on their part to see that at least a majority of the committee was always on duty, and they succeeded. For unbounded hospitality, close attention, and earnest desire that no wish should go ungratified, these Nobles are entitled to and have had awarded to them the first prize which comes from the draw.

To Almas Temple, wherein I was made a Noble April 30, 1888, I have been a frequent visitor, never missing a ceremonial session unless out of the city, and am pleased to report good work and true being done by the officers in charge. Her loyalty to this Imperial Council is not exceeded by that of any Temple in North America, and her doors are always open wide to visiting Nobles, and a hearty welcome assured to all.

COMMISSIONS TO DEPUTIES.

In accordance with the request of the Nobility of Tebala Temple, Rockford, Ill., as expressed in resolution adopted Sept. 24, 1896, I issued a commission to Ills. Noble Chas. W. Cushman, dated Nov. 2, 1896, authorizing him to make an official inspection of the Temple named,—said inspection to take place at the regular meeting of Tebala Temple,

Nov. 18, 1896, or at such other time as might be agreed upon by Noble Cushman and Noble J. S. Montgomery, Potentate of that Temple.

I regret to state that the health of Noble Cushman during the early winter prevented his making this visitation and inspection of a Temple which he had seen instituted, and his many friends there and in this Imperial Council sincerely hope that he will be present at this session fully recovered in health and spirits.

A roving commission having been issued to our Deputy Imperial Potentate, Ills. Noble Albert B. McGaffey, to visit such Temples as his time would permit, in his section of country, it gives me pleasure to make record of his inspection of four of our Western Temples, and also to lay before you his reports in full, which are as follows:—

Visit to Isis Temple, Salina, Kansas, Nov. 25, 1896. Ceremonial Session.

HARRISON DINGMAN,

Imperial Potentate.

DENVER, COL., Dec., 1896.

Imperial and Illustrious Noble: In response to an invitation extended by Illustrious Noble James A. Kimball, Potentate of Isis Temple at Salina, Kan., requesting my presence at a ceremonial session on the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1896, I left the Oasis of El Jebel, November 24, and arrived at Salina, Kan., in the Oasis of Isis, on November 25. The last hour or so of the long and somewhat tedious journey was rendered most pleasant and enjoyable by the companionship of Noble Edward W. Wellington, Past Potentate of Isis Temple, who joined me at Ellsworth, Kan., and accompanied me to Salina.

Upon arrival at the end of my pilgrimage, I found awaiting me at the station the Potentate and a delegation of the Nobles of Isis, who received me with all honor and respect due a representative of the Imperial Council. I was then escorted to a hotel, where the remainder of the day was pleasantly passed in visiting with the Nobles of the Temple.

In the evening I was conducted to the Shrine by the Potentate and an escort of Nobles, where I had the pleasure of witnessing the ceremonies of the Order conferred in a most beautiful and impressive manner upon a class of novices. Following the ceremonies, the traditional banquet was spread and "joy" was "unconfined" until an early hour in the morning.

Isis Temple is fully equipped for work, its officers are proficient, and the books of its Recorder, Noble Alex Berg, are beyond criticism. Its place of meeting in the new Masonic Temple was a pleasant surprise. It is one of the most conveniently arranged and thoroughly adapted Temples that I have ever had the pleasure of visiting, and the decorations on the walls of the Shrine parlors and hall are works of art.

The visit was a very pleasant one and will long linger in our memory.

Yours in the Faith,

A. B. MCGAFFEY,
Imperial Deputy Potentate.

Visit to and Inspection of Tangier Temple, Omaha, Neb., November 27.

HARRISON DINGMAN,
Imperial Potentate.

Dec. 2, 1896.

Imperial and Illustrious Noble: On the evening of Nov. 27, 1896, in response to an invitation from the Potentate, I had the pleasure of attending a Ceremonial Session of Tangier Temple at Omaha, Neb., where I was duly received and made welcome by the Illustrious Potentate, Noble Henry Hardy, and the members of the Temple.

This Temple is in good condition, and is well equipped with robes and appurtenances for the proper rendition of the ceremonies of the Order. The officers are thoroughly conversant with their duties, and the work was impressively and perfectly rendered.

Eighteen novices received the order. After the ceremonies a banquet was served, and Dr. S. Wright Butler was toastmaster. The viands were good, the liquids were "well spoken of," and the Doctor was in his happiest vein. Those that are acquainted with the Doctor know that he shines out of the pulpit as well as in it, and with him to start the fun and with such royal entertainers as Imperial First Ceremonial Master Noble Henry C. Akin and Past Potentate Gustave Anderson to keep it going, you may rest assured that an enjoyable time was had.

Although the weather was disagreeable, and the winds blew cold from off the raging Missouri river, making a Colorado man sigh for the bright skies and balmy breezes of his own home, the warmth of our welcome more than atoned for the deficiencies of the "weather man," and the memory of our visit to Tangier Temple will long be a pleasant one.

Yours in the Faith,

A. B. MCGAFFEY,
Imperial Deputy Potentate.

Inspection of Korein Temple, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Jan. 15, 1897.

HARRISON DINGMAN,
Imperial Potentate.

DENVER, COL., Jan. 20, 1896.

Imperial and Illustrious Noble: Accompanied by Illustrious Potentate Noble A. F. Vick Roy and an escort of Nobles from El Jebel Temple, I had the honor on Friday, Jan. 15, 1897, of being the guest of Korein Temple at Cheyenne, Wyo.

Our visit was made in response to a very pressing invitation received from the Illustrious Potentate of Korein Temple, Noble William Daley, which was heartily seconded by Representative Noble John C. Davis.

Upon our arrival in Cheyenne at an early hour in the morning, we found the Nobles of Korein waiting for us, and were conducted to the hotel where rooms had been reserved for our use, and a very cordial welcome was extended to us.

The ceremonies opened in the afternoon with a street parade which was participated in by not only the Nobles of Korein Temple, but also by a large number of visiting Nobles from Tangier Temple of Omaha, El Kalah Temple of Salt Lake, El Jebel Temple of Denver and other Temples.

Despite the fact that a bucking camel landed one of the Nobles in the street with a fractured arm, the parade was a success. At the conclusion of the parade their Temple was called to order, and after a short business session the order was conferred upon a class of fifty-four novices in a very interesting, and, to the novices, impressive manner. At the conclusion of the ceremonies adjournment was had to the Cheyenne Club where for several hours the time was very pleasantly passed in reducing their stock of solids and liquids, and in listening to a "few remarks" from the Nobles present.

Korein Temple is one of our youngest members, but we need have no fear for its future, for with such a zealous Noble at its head as Potentate William Daley, assisted by a very efficient corps of officers, its success is assured.

The size of the class, fifty-four, speaks well for their "hustling" qualities, and the impressive and careful manner in which the ritual was rendered, shows devotion to duty that renders prosperity certain. They have a complete set of paraphernalia, and the books of the Recorder Noble D. L. Rusk are well kept.

Yours in the Faith,

A. B. MCGAFFEY,
Imperial Deputy Potentate.

Inspection of El Kalah Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. Ceremonial Session.

DENVER, COL., Feb. 28, 1897.

HARRISON DINGMAN,
Imperial Potentate.

Imperial and Illustrious Noble: In response to a very pressing invitation received from Noble L. B. Gorham, Illustrious Potentate of El Kalah Temple, I left Denver on the morning of Feb. 23, 1897, and arrived at Salt Lake City, Utah, about noon of the 24th inst., where I was received by Noble Gorham and a number of the Nobles of his Temple, and escorted to the Cullen House, presided over by Noble Sam Ewing.

During the afternoon and evening of the 24th inst., a ceremonial session was held, and fourteen novices were duly initiated into our solemn mysteries. The work was most creditably exemplified by Noble Gorham and his able corps of officers, and the ritual was strictly adhered to.

As soon as the ceremonial session was over the floor was cleared and the ladies made their appearance. Dancing was then indulged in until midnight, when a banquet was served which lasted until some time the next day. The usual program of a few remarks by the Potentate, the visiting Nobles, the novices, etc., etc., then followed.

A pleasant feature at the banquet was the toast, "What the Ladies think of Shriners," which was responded to in a very eloquent and witty manner by Mrs. Will S. Evans, wife of the "Katih" of El Kalah. Mrs. Evans made the hit of the evening, and her description of the Shriner's "smile" was received with hearty applause.

A very pleasant incident was the presentation, after the banquet, of a handsome and costly jewel of the Order to Past Potentate Gardener S. Clark.

El Kalah Temple, though its source of supply is limited, is in a very prosperous condition. It has full paraphernalia and costumes. Its work is well done, its officers are attentive to their duties; has nearly two hundred members, owns one-sixth interest in the Masonic Temple, has no debt, and has money on hand. Its books and accounts are well looked after by its recorder Noble W. S. Evans.

Although this visit to El Kalah Temple necessitated a ride of over fourteen hundred miles and four days of time, the pleasure resulting therefrom more than compensated me.

Yours in the Faith,

A. B. MCGAFFEY,
Imperial Deputy Potentate.

April 20, 1896, Noble Frank T. Gilbert of Ismailia Temple was authorized to inspect Morocco Temple at Jacksonville, Fla., under date of May 13. I herewith submit his report:—

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 20, 1897.

HARRISON DINGMAN, ESQ.,
Imperial Potentate, A. A. O. N. M. S.

Imperial Sir: In accordance with the authority contained in your favor of April 20, 1897, naming me as Special Deputy for that purpose, I attended a session of Morocco Temple, held in the city of Jacksonville, Thursday evening, May 13, 1897, and officially inspected said Temple and the work thereof, and herewith submit my report:—

I arrived in Jacksonville at 4 P. M., Monday, May 10, and was met at the depot by the Potentate and a delegation from Morocco Temple, and escorted to the Duval Hotel, where quarters had been secured for me, so that I was in Jacksonville two or three days as the guest of Morocco Temple before my duties really commenced. And while no doubt we have all read much about Southern hospitality I can assure you that our reading gives us but a faint idea of what Southern hospitality really means. The only way in which it can be fully appreciated is by actual experience. Ill. Noble Chadwick was indefatigable in his efforts to make my stay in this Southern city pleasant and agreeable. All the Nobles vied with each other as to who should contribute the most toward my comfort and enjoyment.

On the 13th inst. the Temple was opened at 7.30 P. M., after which, as the representative of the Imperial Potentate, I was officially received, and asked to preside. After briefly returning thanks for the honor conferred, I returned to the Potentate the emblem of authority and prepared to enjoy the work of the evening. About seventy-five Nobles were in attendance and twelve novices crossed the hot sands.

Ill. Noble Bingham H. Chadwick, Potentate, did that part of the work which usually falls to the lot of the Potentate, in the most admirable manner, and was ably assisted by Noble Irving E. Baird as High Priest and Prophet, also Nobles Webster, Ware, Merrill and others, as well as by Noble Charles F. Shaw of Cyprus Temple, Noble Coleman of Kismet Temple and Noble French of Oasis Temple.

At the close of the session all repaired to the banquet hall where a very appetizing collation had been prepared by Noble Charles A. Clark,

the genial Recorder of Morocco Temple, who thus demonstrated his ability to care for the nobility.

After a feast of reason and flow of soul, lasting until the wee, small hours, the banquet was broken up and all retired to their homes well satisfied with the work of the evening, and more enthusiastic Shriners than ever.

Regarding the work of Morocco Temple I have this to say: that the Temple is well supplied with all the paraphernalia necessary to a proper rendition of the degree, and the members are in favor of sparing no expense in the production of new features, which may add to the interest of the occasion.

The officers are devoted to the Order, and are all well qualified to discharge their respective duties. And in fact I have no hesitancy in saying that the work of Morocco Temple compares favorably with that of any Temple I have ever visited, and that although a small Temple, the officers and members thereof are to be congratulated on the high standard of excellence to which they have brought their Temple, indicating that there is a bright future in store for our beloved Order in the State of Florida.

All which is respectfully submitted,

FRANK T. GILBERT.

In full justice to Nobles McGaffey and Gilbert I desire to call attention to the fact that no charge has been made by them for any expenses they may have incurred in making these very interesting inspections.

SHRINE IN MEXICO.

Early in August last I received a communication from Noble E. B. Smith, M.D., stating that the Pan-American Medical Association would meet in Mexico in November, 1896, that he together with several other Nobles would be in the party going from the United States, and that it was thought it would be a very unique affair if they could be named as officers to open a Shrine while there, and desiring full information on the subject. To this I replied under date of August 25, stating I was of the opinion that there had not been sufficient change in the Masonic status of those persons living in Mexico holding the necessary prerequisites, from that shown to exist at the time of the special report made to Imperial Potentate Melish, July 4, 1895, to warrant me in giving him and his colleagues any authority in the premises, and further suggested that I did not possess any power in law to allow his request to be granted.

SHRINE IN THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

During September and October last a prominent official of the Hawaiian government at Honolulu, on a visit to this country, applied through his friends, Nobles of our Order, to be made a Noble at sight,

that he might thus be enabled to organize a Temple of our Order at Honolulu. This, I advised his friends under date of October 2, could not be done, the law not giving me the power to create Nobles at sight except on petitioners for a new Temple in unoccupied territory, and then only for the purpose of giving the new Temple sufficient numbers to properly effect its organization. Just prior to the return to Honolulu of the gentleman referred to he called upon me in Washington and I fully explained to him the method of organizing Temples of our Order, supplying him with a copy of the law on the subject and other necessary information, so at some not far distant date we may expect petitioners from the Sandwich Islands to come knocking at the door of this Imperial Council.

SHRINE IN ENGLAND.

On Dec. 31, 1896, Noble Chas. Cary, Recorder Lu Lu Temple, wrote me inclosing letter addressed to him by Noble Richard Muckle, Treasurer of the *Public Ledger*, Philadelphia, Pa., stating that he was in receipt of a communication from Bro. Thos. B. Whytehead, an old friend residing in the city of York, Eng., asking Noble Muckle to see if they could not have a constitution for a body of the Mystic Shrine in his city, and to get the authority for the same from this side of the water. Noble Cary suggested that I communicate with Noble Muckle on this subject and warmly advocated the idea of the Shrine having a Temple located in this historic city. I was most forcibly struck with the belief that if it could be properly arranged it would be of much benefit to our Order, so gladly opened correspondence with Noble Muckle, whom I already knew very well, and later went to Philadelphia to consult with him. I also advised with some of the more experienced members of the Imperial Council who had more knowledge of English Masonry than myself, with the result that finding Noble J. Lew Rake, Potentate Rajah Temple, contemplated going on a business trip to London and return, prior to this session of the Imperial Council, I caused a special commission to issue in his name under date of the 10th of February, 1897, of which the following is a copy:—

SPECIAL COMMISSION.

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

KNOW YE, That reposing special trust and confidence in the integrity and discretion of Ill. Noble J. Lew Rake, Representative to the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America, from Rajah Temple, Reading, Pa., I do hereby desig-

nate and appoint him Special Deputy Imperial Potentate, for the purpose of making full inquiry into the request of certain Masons at York, Eng., who are desirous of organizing a Temple of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and in the event of becoming satisfied as to the feasibility of having said Temple at the place named, then this commission empowers said Ill. Noble J. Lew Rake to do any and all acts looking to the organization of said Temple at York, Eng., under dispensation, which I would have the right to do were I present.

Given under my hand and seal of the Imperial Council attached this 15th day of February, 1897.

Attest:

B. W. ROWELL,
Imperial Recorder.

HARRISON DINGMAN,
Imperial Potentate.

Noble Rake was provided with a blank dispensation duly signed by the Imperial Potentate, attested by the Imperial Recorder, one copy of the Ritual, two copies of the Constitution and Law, and two copies of the proceedings of the Imperial Council held at Cleveland in June last, and fully instructed as to his duties in connection with his special mission. I quote the concluding portion of the instructions issued, viz.:—

After a careful examination of this complex case should you conclude that our English brethren would make a success of a Temple of the Mystic Shrine, you will, on the payment of the constitutional fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) deliver to them the dispensation and do all in your power to see them properly instructed in the intricate workings of our Order, suggestions to them as to the proper paraphernalia, etc., etc. You will on the completion of your mission submit full and complete report of the same, that in time I may lay it before the Imperial Council at its next session. Any necessary expense in visiting the city of York from London will be repaid you from the treasury of the Imperial Council.

I was earnestly in hopes that this matter would be definitely settled ere the time came for sending this report to print, but we cannot always have our way in these things, for under date of May 22 Noble Rake made report on this subject, from which letter I quote as follows for general information:—

Through a combination of unusual circumstances, first, unlooked-for delays in our operations on the other side, with additional work which we were fortunate enough to contract in the European countries, I have been from time to time delayed, being kept busy in getting our machinery ready on this side for shipment, until now it is decidedly unlikely that I shall go abroad before the early fall of the present year.

I should have earlier called your attention to the condition of affairs, and trust my oversight may not appear to you as indifference.

Under the circumstances kindly advise me the exact disposition you desire to have made of the commission sent to me, etc., etc.

While admitting some disappointment I immediately advised him to retain all papers in his possession for the present, and that I would leave this case as a legacy to my successor in office, with the recommen-

dation that he re-commission Noble Rake for this special duty and when we come together once again we may possibly have one or more English Temples.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

Under the law as changed at the last session, Temples desiring to receive and ballot on petitions at a *special* meeting were obliged to apply for and receive a special dispensation from the office of the Imperial Potentate, and of these I have issued during my term one hundred and twenty-five; in each case, however, specifying that due and timely notice of the proposed election of candidates must be furnished each member of the Temple.

DECISIONS.

I have been obliged to make many rulings during the year on questions of laws of the Order which would have been unnecessary had the Recorders and Potentates read the Constitution and Law of the Imperial Council in their possession, before writing.

In circular issued Nov. 16, 1896, I ordered a change in the form of affiliation by adding to the form already printed in our Constitution and Law, the words "That are not under suspension or expulsion in either of the bodies prerequisite to this Order"; so that no Noble can renew his membership in the Shrine without first satisfying the Temple in question that he has conformed to the law of our Order, and I recommend that the Committee on Jurisprudence and Law submit a new form of affiliation which shall be in accordance with the requirements as contained in the petition used under the law.

In the same circular I directed that Nobles holding demits from Temples could only visit on them one year from the date they were issued, and in the absence of any law on this point I would recommend that the same committee submit their decision on this point for the future government of demitted Nobles.

On November 29 I decided that as Sphinx Temple, Hartford, Conn., and El Zaribah Temple, Phoenix, Ariz., had applied for and received dispensations and deposited fees under the law of 1895, and as their Charters had been granted by this Imperial Council at Cleveland, June last, they could only be held to make payment under such law as was in force at the time they applied for and received their dispensations. I therefore ordered that the sum of \$100.00 out of the \$150.00 paid in by them be, in each case, paid back by official warrant. The same has been done, and for this action I ask the official endorsement of the Imperial Council through the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Law.

Under date of Dec. 7, 1896, I made decision on the subject of public installation of officers of subordinate Temples, and submit copy of letter to the acting Recorder of Ballut Abyad Temple for such action as the Imperial Council may deem proper.

E. WALKER.

Illustrious and Dear Noble: I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo requesting to be advised if it is necessary for a Temple of the Mystic Shrine to have a special dispensation for a public installation of their officers, and if so, that you are instructed by the Potentate of Ballut Abyad Temple to ask that authority be granted to have said public installation under date of January 11, 1897.

In reply to your inquiry and request I call your attention to Article XXXII., Page 15, Constitution and Law of the Imperial Council, which in my judgment precludes any Temple from having a public installation of its officers. You will note the law says, "The installation of officers shall take place *immediately*, or at its first succeeding *session*." In both of these contemplated periods when the law says the officers shall be inducted into their respective offices, the reference is made to *sessions* of the Temple, and as sessions or meetings of the Temple would have to be held inside of regular tyled doors, it is not seen how any public installation can be allowed.

It is quite clear that the intent and meaning of the lawmakers was that installations should be held under as close conditions as the elections, and while I would be most happy to grant you authority to publicly install, etc., yet as I look at the law I must decline so to do, and further advise you that your officers must be installed on your annual meeting night, or at the first succeeding *session*, and with your Temple properly tyled as usual.

Yours in the Faith,

HARRISON DINGMAN,
Imperial Potentate.

Under date of Feb. 11, 1897, I addressed the following letter to W. C. Shaw, Recorder, Zem Zem Temple, Erie, Pa. : —

Illustrious and Dear Noble: I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st inst., inclosing letter from the Recorder of Ismailia Temple relative to release of jurisdiction by Zem Zem Temple over Sir Knight

of Commandery, stationed at

Pa. Sir Knight

, as I understand the case from the papers submitted, was formerly a resident within the jurisdiction of Zem Zem Temple and while such applied to and was twice rejected for the degree in your Temple. He is now a resident of the territory belonging to Ismailia Temple and as such has applied for admission therein, and that Temple now asks that you grant them a waiver of any rights you may hold over the said Sir Knight by virtue of your rejection of his application, and you submit the papers for decision.

I have carefully examined the law and do not see that Zem Zem Temple has any legal rights in the premises, the Sir Knight being no longer a resident of her jurisdiction and not in any way or manner under her control. Sir Knight, under the law as laid down in

Section 3. Article XIV., Page 9, if a legal resident of the jurisdiction of Ismailia Temple could not apply to any other Temple, and if under the law your Temple would have no right to receive and act on his petition, you certainly would have no right to give or withhold your consent to his pending application elsewhere, and so I shall be obliged to decide.

I venture to suggest, however, that in your communication to Noble Markham you advise him of the fact that the Sir Knight in question was very strongly objected to at the ballot box on the two occasions his name came up for action in your Temple, and this I should think would cause Ismailia Temple to be specially careful in his case.

You are at liberty, if you see fit, to furnish Ills. Noble Markham with a copy of this letter.

Yours in the Faith,

HARRISON DINGMAN,

Imperial Potentate.

I submit the same for such action as the Imperial Council may desire to take regarding it, believing, however, that in all cases of like nature that our law should require a release from the Temple rejecting an applicant before his petition can be acted upon in another Temple.

VISITING CERTIFICATES.

During the year many requests for interpretation of the law on the question of the proper method of issuing the visiting certificates have arisen, and I have endeavored to rule in accordance with what I believed was the intent and force of the law. I was obliged to correct by circular an error in the print of the Constitution and Law on this subject, which as-printed made the certificate somewhat unpopular in some sections, as in the form in which it is in the law it virtually increased the dues of each Noble who desired a certificate to the extent of fifty cents per annum; or in other words made a class of prompt payers pay a premium for keeping themselves in good standing. I agree with the Committee on Jurisprudence and Law of last year that something should be done to prevent Nobles suspended for non-payment of dues, or suspended or expelled for other causes, from visiting among Temples, but do not think the certificate which we have had this year fully accomplished what it was meant to do. In some cases I am fearful the fault has been in the absence of proper instructions to the Outer Guards. I am in hopes that some system will be presented from this year's committee that will be satisfactory to all the Temples, and prove the correct method to prevent improper persons gaining admission to sessions of the Mystic Shrine. Some Temples already had visiting receipts for dues, issuing one to every Noble when he makes payment to date, and naturally in such cases Recorders object to the issuing of two sets of receipts; other Temples have no dues, and make no charge to their Nobles for the certificate; others object to the charge of ten cents by the Imperial Council, etc.

Something was needed, the certificate was agreed upon, it was new; it has, I am sure, been of benefit, but I am of the opinion that if a form can be adopted that can be used by all the Temples as a combined receipt for dues and visiting purposes, and the law made strong regarding the exclusion of those who do not carry one of them when away from home, that we will then have an enactment that will be of lasting value to our Order. I leave this matter, however, in the hands of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Law, believing that they will produce a form of certificate or receipt which will be satisfactory to this Imperial Council.

CHARITY OF THE SHRINE

Having a strong desire for the continuance and enlargement of the good work of Christmas offerings to the deserving poor, as started some years ago by a number of our Temples, and encouraged so strongly by Past Imp. Potentate Melish during his two terms, I prepared and mailed during November and December, 1896, special letters to our Potentates, urging them to bring this subject to the attention of their Temples, that the necessary steps might be taken to interest the Nobility in making happy the hearts of the distressed in their respective jurisdictions; to lighten the burden of the oppressed and bring joy and gladness in households where sorrow and despair had been prevalent; so that when the Christmas holidays had come and gone there would be thousands of grateful hearts sending up thankful prayers to the throne of grace for kindness rendered to them. I am sure that the burden of their songs was "Blessed be those who belong to the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, for their hearts are filled with charitable feelings," and they fully carry out by deeds the thoughts that fill their hearts.

One great object of belonging to the Mystic Shrine is to make our fellow Nobles happy, and history has recorded that in this we succeed; and so with sociability, hospitality and good fellowship as the principal characteristics of our Order, what could be more appropriate than the effort of endeavoring, on one day at least, to make those of our fellow-beings less fortunate than ourselves, realize that they and theirs are not forgotten.

That the nobility took interest in this work the following notable instances of the charity of the Shrine are here made a part of the record.

Aladdin Temple of Columbus made their Christmas charity offering to the poor of the city, expending \$1,000.00 in relieving over 500 families.

Aleppo Temple assisted worthy Nobles and the widows and orphans of Masons of their State to the amount of \$700.00.

Al Kader Temple expended \$200.00 to help deserving poor. This Temple has no dues and their charity money is contributed by individual Nobles.

Ararat Temple, Kansas City, Mo., made their offering to deserving institutions as follows : Masonic Home, Kansas City Day Nursery, Kansas City Protestant Home for Fallen Women, the Mayor's Charity Fund and the Protestant Home for Aged Women.

From Beni Kedem Temple, U.D., Charleston, W. Va., the Potentate reports cash contributions were made to the Relief Union of the city, to two church committees having relief work in charge, for care of a crippled invalid, for relief of a retired minister, and provisions for several poor families. He also says, "Our non-resident members gave liberally to their home poor, but we do not know the full amount."

Boumi Temple, Baltimore, Md., reports that on Christmas morning they furnished 730 baskets of provisions to deserving poor of their city as one item of this good work. The Potentate states that at his request the High Priest visited every Masonic Lodge in the city and asked the Master to furnish him the names and addresses of all destitute Masons, and that thirty-four names being given they sent special baskets to these brethren, all of whom were thus enabled to enjoy Christmas day. The general distribution was made on tickets previously distributed, the old and infirm being furnished with car tickets and their baskets being carried to the cars by Nobles volunteering for this purpose. With this Christmas offering and other charities the Temple expended nearly \$600.00, in addition to which many supplies were contributed by the Nobles. This Temple takes up a charity collection at every meeting and places it in the hands of the Potentate to use as his judgment shall dictate.

For the eighth time in the history of Damascus Temple of Rochester their nobility assembled in large force on Christmas eve, and 4,800 baskets of provisions, each containing a substantial Christmas dinner, were furnished to a corresponding number of needy poor of their city. In addition to the provisions given away, 200 pairs of shoes, 300 caps, overcoats, stockings, dresses and books, 2000 dolls and 5000 bags of pop corn were given away. The place of distribution was open from 7 to 12, booths erected, large committees in attendance, an orchestra of forty pieces discoursed sweet music, members of the Shrine choir rendered appropriate selections, and everything possible was done to make the recipients happy. Besides the contribution of supplies toward the most worthy object, their cash expenditure for the evening was \$1,200.

El Jebel Temple reports a Christmas offering of \$125 00 to Uyzells Tabernacle.

El Kahir Temple appropriated as her Christmas gift \$100.00 for the suffering Armenian children, \$100 00 to aid the Cubans in their struggle for liberty, and their usual local donations of about \$200.00. The draft for the relief of our Cuban friends was sent to the Imperial Potentate, and by him placed in the proper channel. Receipts and letters regarding the same are with the Recorder, Rev. John W. Geiger.

By report from El Katif Temple it is shown that they expended for the benefit of deserving poor the sum of \$200.00.

Hamasa Temple, Meridian, Miss., made appropriations for the benefit of the Louisiana drouth sufferers, Natchez Protestant Orphan Asylum, Waifs' Home, and the Mattie Hersey Hospital, the last three being local charities. Aggregate contributions amounting to \$275.00.

Hella Temple, Dallas, Texas, helped the good cause of charity by appropriating for the benefit of Buckner's Orphan Home the sum of \$300.00.

India Temple, Oklahoma City, furnished at Christmas time groceries, fuel and clothing to poor families outside of our Order, and in assistance to orphans of Nobles, etc., to the extent of \$250.00.

The Recorder of Isis Temple, Salina, Kan., submits the following: "Our Temple distributed to the worthy poor of our city fifty-three sacks of flour, beside contributing to various widows of deceased Nobles in cash."

As their offering, Ismailia Temple of Buffalo, N.Y., expended for the benefit of various local charities and benevolent institutions the sum of \$746.40.

During the holiday season one hundred and fifty large baskets, each filled with staple groceries sufficient to last a moderate sized family a week, were distributed by Kaaba Temple of Davenport, Ia., the names of the recipients having been obtained from teachers in the public schools of that city. A friendless girl who had been taken sick and forced to go to the poorhouse, was rescued therefrom, medical aid and comfortable quarters furnished her, and on her recovery her passage was paid back to her old home in Germany. This Temple also contributed liberally to the People's Union Mission, an institution reaching to the very hearts of the poor and productive of much good.

Kora Temple, Lewiston, Me., in a quiet way has been extending a helping hand to the deserving ones in her oasis; helping the widows and orphans of deceased Nobles, the contributions for this purpose being voluntary ones by the Nobles who have been most liberal.

At the Christmas holidays and other times during the year, Kosair Temple, Louisville, Ky., has expended for the needy and in assistance to worthy widows and orphans the sum of \$455.00. In addition to this the Temple has agreed to pay \$200.00 per year for the next five years to the Masonic Home and Infirmary at that place.

Mecca, our parent Temple, has during the year continued her good work in the line of charity, the printed records showing the expenditure of quite a large sum.

Mohammed Temple, Peoria, Ills., made a very handsome appropriation for the benefit for the "Home for the Friendless" in their city.

Moila Temple, St. Joseph, Mo., gave a Shrine charity ball Feb. 22, 1897, the net receipts of which (\$590.64) were turned over to the Board

of Associated Charities of their city, and in accepting this liberal donation the Board stated that the money could have come at no more opportune time, the demands upon them having been so heavy that their funds were nearly exhausted.

Moslem Temple of Detroit shows that she has lost none of her old-time interest in looking after the poor and needy within the entire borders of her territory, and has made the most liberal appropriation for worthy objects.

Mt. Sinai Temple, Montpelier, Vt., furnished Christmas dinners through a committee of Nobles to needy ones in the following places within their oasis: Rutland, Bennington, Fair Haven, Newport, Warren, St. Johnsbury and Lyndenville.

From Indianapolis comes the information that Murat Temple on Christmas last furnished dinners to 200 families, 159 pairs of shoes to school children, paid the rent of 14 families about to be turned out of house and home, distributed 100 packages of clothing which were donated by Nobles of the Temple, in addition to which a special cash donation of \$100.00 was made by individual Nobles to other poor families, making an estimate of about \$1,000.00 expended in charity.

Oriental Temple, Troy, N.Y., made her Christmas offering of \$25.00 each to the following benevolent institutions, viz.: Troy Orphan Asylum, the Day Home, Fairview Home for Friendless Children, Lucy A. Wood Rowe Memorial Home, and the Saratoga Home for Children.

The holiday work of Osiris Temple, Wheeling, W. Va., consisted of helping needy persons in their oasis, and in donations made to the Chittenden Rescue Home, City Hospital Association and the Home for Aged and Friendless Women, aggregating \$150.00.

Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Conn., reports an appropriation of \$500.00 to the Masonic Home, a most substantial donation to a worthy cause.

Rajah Temple, Reading, Pa., expended \$630.00 as a Christmas offering in the following manner: Under direction of the officers of the Temple serving as a special Charity Committee the Nobles of the Temple individually selected each one or more deserving cases to whom they dispensed their charity direct, making returns of same the first week in January for the purpose of record. The plan worked well, the responses being prompt and liberal.

The Nobles of Rameses Temple, Toronto, Can., presented their Christmas offering in a donation to the Hospital for Sick Children, and the Protestant Orphans Home.

Sahara Temple, Pine Bluffs, distributed miscellaneous charity at Christmas time, and in addition made a donation to the flood sufferers in Eastern Arkansas.

Saladin Temple reports concerted action by "Shrine Clubs" throughout their oasis, showing expenditures during the year amounting to \$800.00.

Returns from Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, Pa., show donations to Pittsburgh Society for the Improvement of the Poor, Ladies Relief Association of Alleghany and Free Kindergarten Association, a total of \$385.00.

Syrian Temple, Cincinnati, distributed \$500.00 among the following charitable organizations: Children's Home, German Protestant Orphan Asylum, Free Kindergartens, Home for Friendless and Foundlings, Glenn Home, Widows' and Old Men's Home, Young Women's Christian Association, Salvation Army, Day Nursery, Jewish Orphan Asylum, Home for Incurables and Ophthalmic Hospital and Dispensary, and in addition expended \$1,000.00 in various other charitable undertakings, a grand total of \$1,500.00 during the year.

Zamora Temple of Birmingham reports Christmas offering made to United Charities of that city.

Zem Zem Temple, Erie, Pa., appropriated the net proceeds of a charity ball, \$350.00, to the Erie Day Nursery and the Free Kindergarten Association.

Zuhrah Temple, Minneapolis, Minn., reports the expenditure at Christmas and other times during the year the sum of \$2,687.00 for needy charities through their jurisdiction, and adds that much good was accomplished thereby.

To supplement the work of regularly organized charities in the District of Columbia, which was most thorough, Almas Temple, through a committee, sought out those who were deserving but who, because of their modesty and possibly their pride and desire to hide their poverty from the world, would never apply for assistance. In this way the sum of \$381.00 was expended.

One very notable exhibition of charity was that of Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, they having expended during the year in the care of the sick and the widows of Masons the magnificent sum of \$5,089.00.

Alhambra Temple, Chattanooga, in her usual quiet way, looked after deserving ones in her oasis by furnishing coal, shoes, clothing and food.

At Austin, Tex., Ben Hur Temple joined with the different Masonic bodies in that city, each contributing \$50.00 to a general fund, which under a representative committee was judiciously expended as a Christmas offering in helping the poor.

At Rawlins, Wyo., the Nobles of Korein Temple placed funds in the hands of the pastors of the different churches, and turkeys were purchased and distributed to the poor of their city.

Moolah Temple, St. Louis, Mo., reports donations of \$300.00 to the Masonic Home and other charities of her city.

At Richmond, Va., the Nobility of Acca Temple distributed her Christmas charity with a liberal hand: 220 baskets of provisions to deserving poor regardless of religion, donations to the Associated Charities, to the Masonic Home and in the purchase of a life membership in their Masonic Home, making a total charity expenditure of \$520.00.

It has been a special pleasure to bring to your attention this magnificent exhibit of a portion of the charity of our Order. In addition to the record thus made public, many cases are reported where substantial assistance was freely given to worthy Nobles of our Order, but as these are matters which came in the line of duty to our own people, no detailed mention is here made of them. With the Christmas offerings to the poor, donations to benevolent institutions, Masonic homes, and a helping hand to our own, the reports show the grand sum of \$25,839.44 expended by Temples of the Mystic Shrine for charitable purposes, during the past year, being an increase from our last published report of 1895 of \$11,752.14. Truly a record that all must be proud of having the world know.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER:

Our Order still continues to increase in numbers, but not with the surprising rapidity which it has in a number of past years. May 1, 1896, there were 41,502 Nobles on the rolls in good standing, while this year, May 1, finds us with 44,291, a net gain of 2,789. Our losses during the past Shrine year have been exceedingly heavy, 2,237 gone from our rolls, being 729 more than in the previous year, and the largest loss I am sure that the Order has ever experienced in any one year. We have been passing through a continued depression in business that has appeared to effect every interest of the country, and all organizations have suffered therefrom. When 855 Nobles demit and 966 allow themselves to be suspended, it shows many Nobles must be without their usual steady employment.

In the face of the stringencies of the times I am of the opinion that this Imperial Council has great cause for congratulation in the increase of their membership to the extent of nearly 2,800 Nobles good and true. That the Imperial Council might have some knowledge of the progress of the Temples on lines other than membership, I issued a special request to Potentates for certain financial and other data to which replies have been received from all but one of the Temples of our Order, and from which I am enabled to furnish a consolidated report of their financial standing.

The present condition of the Temples replying to the circular are as follows:—

Total assets in bonds, real estate, paraphernalia, cash, etc.	\$469,644 07
Total liabilities	25,981 35
Net Assets	\$443,662 72

Temples carrying insurance amounting to \$127,291.54.

A number of our Temples do not carry insurance; this would seem wrong; and without naming them, nine out of our entire number carry no insurance. I would suggest that this is a good subject for these Temples to consider. It will be too late after they shall have had a fire. Better lock the stable door before the horse is stolen.

Two Temples, Lu Lu of Philadelphia and Rajah of Reading, own their own homes, both having purchased churches and remodelled them so that they are most admirably adapted for proper working of the order, and in addition thereto each derives a revenue from rentals of about \$1,500. Damascus Temple of Rochester leases its place of meeting and receives quite a sum from rentals to other society people during the year. These are cited as examples worthy of emulation.

I congratulate the Temples on the increase of net assets. The last report on this subject was in 1895, at Nantasket Beach, amounting to \$303,941.35. This year we show the gratifying figures of \$440,591.54, being an increase of \$136,650.19.

An increase in the amount of insurance carried by the Temples is shown to the extent of \$56,016.00.

It is also noted here that forty-nine of our Temples hold their meetings in hall and buildings dedicated and set apart for Masonry.

Record is also made of Temples that have on their rolls over one thousand Nobles. Of these there are nine as follows, viz. :—

Aleppo Temple	2,900
Mecca Temple	2,765
Lu Lu Temple	2,499
Medinah Temple	2,228
Syrian Temple	1,442
Moslem Temple	1,400
El Kahir Temple	1,309
Syria Temple	1,181
Kaaba Temple	1,050

FINANCES.

By reference to the report of the Imperial Treasurer of one year ago, it will be observed that on May 1, 1896, there was on hand the sum of \$9,802.22. From this amount there was paid out before the close of the session, for mileage and per diem, \$8,591.88, and \$700.00 contingent fund to Past Imperial Potentate Field, leaving for the commencement of the present year the small margin of \$510.34. This year on a corresponding date it will be shown that the balance in the treasury of the Imperial Council is \$9,232.84, and with our increased representation the treasurer's pay-roll will necessarily be considerably larger than one

year ago, and we are brought face to face with the fact that our financial condition is not what it should be, representing the membership that we do, and our balance growing smaller instead of increasing. Our treasury should, in my judgment, be placed in a better position, so that a respectable balance could at all times be shown. This can only be accomplished by adopting one of two methods: increase our revenues or reduce our expenses.

I am well aware that this is not a favored subject to bring to your attention, but I am equally sure that it is my duty to call your attention to the question, and if you decide that no action is necessary, I will find no fault; only having a feeling of regret for my successor, in the knowledge that he will be obliged at the close of his term to call your attention to this, at all times unpopular bugbear, of *short finances*, and possibly in much stronger terms than are here presented.

Should it be deemed necessary to increase the revenues of the Imperial Council, I suggest that Article XV. be changed so that it shall specify that the Order shall not be conferred for a less sum than thirty dollars, instead of twenty-five, as now; that the charge specified for each initiate in Section 2, Article XVI., be increased from two dollars to two dollars and fifty cents, and Section 3, same Article, the *per capita* tax be increased from ten to twelve dollars and fifty cents.

I am well aware that several of our Temples already receive more than the minimum fee, running up in one or two cases as high as \$75.00, and that with these Temples it would be a direct additional call from their treasury; but in all other Temples the additional sum required to be paid the Imperial Council would come out of the additional fee to be paid by the candidates for the Order, and at the same time give these Temples more money for their own treasury.

Should it, however, be deemed unwise to increase the fee as named in our law, and change the amounts required to be paid by the Temples, then, to place the Imperial Treasury in ample funds, the expenses of this Imperial Council would have to be curtailed. An amendment to curtail the amount a Temple can draw from the Imperial Treasury has been presented in due form: it provides that representatives from a Temple cannot have paid them more than seventy-five per cent of the amount paid in by their Temples. Now they are allowed to draw not to exceed the entire sum paid in. This amendment, if adopted, would in a few years place the Imperial Council in a sound financial position, capable of withstanding strains which may arise from specially unfortunate years, failure of Temples to secure petitions, and suspension of a large number of our Nobles. Another way would be to reduce the per diem allowance to the Representatives, say twenty-five per cent or fifty per cent less than now paid. I have made these suggestions for what I deem the good of our Order, and am sure the subject will be given careful consideration, and I trust wise legislation will prevail.

EXPENSES IMPERIAL POTENTATE'S OFFICE.

Of the Contingent Fund of \$1,000.00 appropriated at the last session to cover the expenses of my office in the discharge of official duties, I have drawn and expended the entire sum. Travelling expenses were quite a large item, and but for the fact that (as one prominent Representative expressed it) I was enabled at times to get my hat chalked, I would have had much heavier expenses. The sum named has been expended for stenographer and typewriting, telegrams, postage, stationery, letter-heads, printing blanks, copy-books and travelling expenses.

WORK OF IMPERIAL RECORDER AND IMPERIAL TREASURER.

This Imperial Council has many reasons for congratulating itself on the fact that the offices of Imperial Recorder and Imperial Treasurer are filled by two active, energetic, thorough business officials, Ills. Nobles Benj. W. Rowell and Wm. S. Brown respectively. My personal thanks are due to both these officials for their universal kindness and prompt attention to every request made to them from the headquarters of the Order. You know their worth as well as I; they had your unanimous support last year, and I expect and hope will receive it again this year. Of Noble Rowell I have seen more than of Noble Brown, as the Recorder is naturally thrown closer to the Imperial Potentate, and I consider him one of the most valuable men I have ever seen for this position. The work of his office in all its varied details is always up to date and his records, as you see them in his den, or as ready at this session for the inspection of the various committees, will be found models of neatness and accuracy, and the highest compliment I can pay to him and his work is to quote what has heretofore been said, that is, "He is just the right man for the right place."

OUR FUTURE.

Before this Imperial Council shall have again assembled in Annual Session we will have passed one of the very important mile-stones of our career as an organization, for on September 12, 1897, Mecca Temple, the organizer and parent Temple of our seventy-six working bodies will have celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of her birth, September 12, 1872, having seen the first organization of a Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Thirteen Knight Templars or Scottish Rite Masons gathered together in the city of New York on this, to us, eventful day and "budded better than they knew." In my judgment, no one of that thirteen had the most remote idea that a single one of their number would live to witness the astonishing results which have come from

the gathering of that day; and yet there are people who still live and think the number thirteen unlucky. It has not proven so with the Mystic Shrine.

During the first fifteen years of our existence the progress in new membership was considered rapid at that time, but in the light of subsequent events a change has come over the spirit of our dreams.

Dec. 31, 1886, ten years from the close of last year, our entire strength was 4,938 and from that time the Order seemed to have taken a new start, our increase from that date to the present time being 39,353, or an average of about 4,000 per year. A wonderful growth in face of the fact that many croakers and grumblers who can only see the serious side of life, predicted from the start that the Order could never be a success, or live any great number of years.

It is for us, my Illustrious Nobles, to prove the contrary, and so interest ourselves in the working of our Temples that naught is there transacted which will in any way bring reproach upon our Order or its members. Do not allow your Temple to bring anything into the work that will weaken it, and if at any time you observe a tendency toward such a thing let it be said that the Representatives were the first, as they always should be, to bring the same to the attention of the head of the Order, that he may take such steps as in his judgment may be right and proper. Let us follow out the ritual as we have it; the first and third sections are put there to be observed, they are not to be changed by any Temple; there is ample opportunity for the display of genius in the place laid down in the ritual for it, and attempts to go outside that are bound to be injurious to our Order and should be frowned upon.

We insure good health, long life, happy days and nights, but let us not forget that at all times and under all circumstances we are Knight Templar or Scottish Rite Masons, and above and beyond all that we are an Order of gentlemen; and remembering these things let us so act. Then there will be no question but what our Order will live long after we shall have passed into another life, and those who come after us will say as we say now, that the originators of a quarter of a century ago, that mystic thirteen, builded better than they knew.

During the session I bespeak a careful attention to all matters coming before this Imperial Council for action; let us know what matters are being acted upon, and knowing express our judgment by voice and vote for the best interests of the Order.

And now, Nobles of the Imperial Council, I come to the closing chapter of my record. I have not forgotten, nor ever shall forget, your kindness and confidence when you elevated me to the head of this Order. I made but one promise to you then, and that was, to the very utmost of my ability to uphold and advance the banner of our Order, and not by any act, word, or deed, do aught that would bring the slightest reproach

upon our good name. This I have tried faithfully and consistently to do, and must let you be the judges, for the task is over, the year all but gone, and with the record made I am sure I can safely leave it in your hands for a decision.

In every city and Temple I have visited, and in every place I have mingled with the nobility, I have met with loving kindness and careful attention from all who wear the claws, and my only regret at this moment is that I do not possess the ability to place upon paper my heart's impulses of delight for the thousand and one endearing acts which have come to me from the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and as I step down and out of this exalted office and mingle once again with the Nobles on the floor, if I can know that I have any enlargement of your respect and esteem, I shall be more than happy and more than compensated for any care and worriment that may have arisen during the past twelve months.

HARRISON DINGMAN,
Imperial Potentate.

On motion the address was ordered printed and distributed and the matter contained therein ordered referred to the Committee on Trans-action of Imperial Officers.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE IMPERIAL RECORDER.

The Imperial Recorder then read his report as follows:—

DETROIT, MICH., June 8, 1897.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council.

Your Imperial Recorder respectfully submits the following detailed report of the transactions of his office for the year from May 1, 1896 to April 30, 1897:—

IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

From the reports of the various Subordinate Temples in this jurisdiction, and from credentials received, it appears that there are at the present time:—

No. of <i>ad vitam</i> members	5
“ “ Emeritus members	4
“ “ Active members	191
Total	200

TEMPLES.

No. of Temples chartered to date	74
“ “ “ under dispensation	3
Total	77

REPORTS OF TEMPLES.

From May 1, 1896, to April 30, 1897, inclusive.

The reports which have been received from the various Temples, are given in the Table herewith.

Returns have been received from all the Temples with the exception of that of El Korah U.D. at Boise City, Idaho, and Salaam of Olney, Ill. El Korah has not yet been instituted, and from Salaam I have received neither returns nor money for the year ending May 1, 1897.

Report of Temples to May 1, 1897.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	LOCATION.	Member-ship May 1, 1896.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Created.	Affiliated and Restored.	Charter Members.	Membership May 1, 1897.
May 1, 1897	Abdallah.....	Leavenworth, Kan....	492	1	14	...	...	41	...	...	518
" 1, 1897	Acca.....	Richmond, Va.....	338	5	11	19	...	50	5	...	358
" 1, 1897	Affi.....	Tacoma, Wash.....	202	...	1	3	1	11	2	...	210
" 1, 1897	Ahmed.....	Marquette, Mich.....	183	2	1	...	...	19	23	...	222
" 1, 1897	Aladdin.....	Columbus, O.....	353	2	2	...	2	56	1	...	404
" 1, 1897	Al Chymia.....	Memphis, Tenn.....	139	2	14	6	...	34	1	...	150
" 1, 1897	Alee, U.D.....	Savannah, Ga.....	...	...	...	...	...	38	...	10	48
" 1, 1897	Aleppo.....	Boston, Mass.....	2736	31	30	50	...	269	6	...	2900
" 1, 1897	Algeria.....	Helena, Mont.....	235	3	6	7	...	16	...	...	235
" 1, 1897	Alhambra.....	Chattanooga, Tenn.....	181	1	2	...	...	10	...	...	188
" 1, 1897	Al Kader.....	Portland, Ore.....	216	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	216
" 1, 1897	Al Koran.....	Cleveland, O.....	775	...	6	7	...	109	4	...	808
" 1, 1897	Al Malaikah.....	Los Angeles, Cal.....	394	4	1	...	...	50	4	...	443
" 1, 1897	Almas.....	Washington, D.C.....	735	10	2	6	...	43	30	...	764
" 1, 1897	Ararat.....	Kansas City, Mo.....	769	5	19	...	2	41	17	...	801
" 1, 1897	Ballut Abyad.....	Albuquerque, N.M.....	128	1	4	...	1	10	...	...	132
" 1, 1897	Ben Hur.....	Austin, Texas.....	247	2	5	...	...	9	1	...	250
" 1, 1897	Beni Kedem.....	Charleston, W. Va.....	...	2	...	...	...	64	...	104	166
" 1, 1897	Bouml.....	Baltimore, Md.....	431	2	2	4	3	36	2	...	458
" 1, 1897	Cyprus.....	Albany, N.Y.....	419	3	...	...	...	26	3	...	445
" 1, 1897	Damascus.....	Denver, N.Y.....	546	2	...	...	...	21	1	...	566
" 1, 1897	El Jebel.....	Rochester, Col.....	792	11	11	38	...	40	17	...	789
" 1, 1897	El Kalah.....	Salt Lake City, Mo.....	162	...	4	14	...	24	5	...	173
" 1, 1897	El Kahir.....	Cedar Rapids, Ia.....	1271	11	2	49	...	108	2	...	1309
" 1, 1897	El Katif.....	Spokane, Wash.....	203	1	2	...	...	17	...	...	217
" 1, 1897	El Korah, U.D.....	Boise City, Idaho.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 1, 1897	El Riad.....	Sioux Falls, S.D.....	458	5	6	5	...	27	...	...	469
" 1, 1897	El Zagal.....	Fargo, N.D.....	384	1	5	...	...	42	2	...	422
" 1, 1897	El Zeribah.....	Phoenix, Ari.....	45	...	...	...	...	22	1	9	77
" 1, 1897	Hamasa.....	Meridian, Miss.....	124	1	...	...	...	46	2	...	171
" 1, 1897	Hella.....	Dallas, Tex.....	493	3	15	36	...	43	5	...	487
" 1, 1897	India.....	Oklahoma, O. T.....	99	...	2	...	...	26	1	...	124
" 1, 1897	Irem.....	Wilkes Barre, Penn.....	127	1	...	...	...	66	4	...	196
" 1, 1897	Isis.....	Salina, Kan.....	610	6	14	41	...	19	7	...	675
" 1, 1897	Islam.....	San Francisco, Cal.....	674	16	1	...	...	66	1	...	724
" 1, 1897	Ismailia.....	Buffalo, N.Y.....	836	7	2	...	...	74	8	...	909
" 1, 1897	Jerusalem.....	New Orleans, La.....	151	...	2	3	...	12	2	...	160
" 1, 1897	Kaaba.....	Davenport, Ia.....	924	8	11	...	...	144	1	...	1050
" 1, 1897	Kismet.....	Brooklyn, N.Y.....	606	6	5	14	...	63	4	...	648
" 1, 1897	Kora.....	Lewiston, Me.....	318	1	...	12	...	131	8	...	444
" 1, 1897	Korein.....	Rawlins, Wyo.....	74	1	...	...	...	55	2	...	130
" 1, 1897	Kosair.....	Louisville, Ky.....	285	4	1	1	...	31	...	...	310
" 1, 1897	Lu Lu.....	Philadelphia, Penn.....	2926	33	20	8	1	232	3	...	2499
" 1, 1897	Mecca.....	New York, N.Y.....	2637	38	17	108	...	270	16	...	2765
" 1, 1897	Medea.....	Watertown, N.Y.....	430	6	...	1	...	38	5	...	466
" 1, 1897	Medinah.....	Chicago, Ill.....	2254	24	39	122	...	145	14	...	2228
" 1, 1897	Mohammed.....	Peoria, Ill.....	284	2	5	...	...	55	1	...	333
" 1, 1897	Molla.....	St. Joseph, Mo.....	353	3	3	1	...	50	4	...	400
" 1, 1897	Moolah.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	608	6	10	15	...	40	10	...	627
" 1, 1897	Moslem.....	Jacksonville, Fla.....	79	...	...	...	...	17	1	...	97
" 1, 1897	Mt. Sinai.....	Detroit, Mich.....	1310	10	3	...	...	100	3	...	1400
" 1, 1897	Murat.....	Montpelier, Vt.....	443	4	1	...	...	65	3	...	506
" 1, 1897	Naja.....	Indianapolis, Ind.....	684	6	5	4	...	195	3	...	867
" 1, 1897	Oasis.....	Deadwood, S.D.....	96	1	1	...	...	6	...	...	102
" 1, 1897	Oriental.....	Charlotte, N.C.....	76	2	...	...	...	40	...	...	114
" 1, 1897	Osiris.....	Troy, N.Y.....	656	...	1	20	...	79	1	...	715
" 1, 1897	Osman.....	Wheeling, W. Va.....	490	2	100	25	...	13	18	...	400
" 1, 1897	Palestine.....	St. Paul, Minn.....	610	...	1	...	1	22	...	...	630
" 1, 1897	Pyramid.....	Providence, R.I.....	687	6	2	...	...	51	1	...	731
" 1, 1897	Rajah.....	Bridgeport, Conn.....	1091	19	326	...	...	76	1	...	823
" 1, 1897	Rajah.....	Reading, Penn.....	389	3	2	4	...	60	1	...	441

Report of Temples to May 1, 1897.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	LOCATION.	Membership May 1, 1896.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Created.	Affiliated and Restored.	Charter Members.	Membership May 1, 1897.
May 1, 1897	Rameses	Toronto, Can.	205	1	...	5	...	40	...	...	239
" 1, 1897	Sahara	Pine Bluff, Ark.	219	2	2	42	...	...	...	...	173
" 1, 1897	Salaam	Olney, Ill.	49	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
" 1, 1897	Saladin	Grand Rapids, Mich.	900	5	23	26	...	...	1	...	929
" 1, 1897	Sesostris	Lincoln, Neb.	504	2	2	78	...	29	...	...	451
" 1, 1897	Sphinx	Hartford, Conn.	74	4	...	...	...	108	6	278	462
" 1, 1897	Syria	Pittsburgh, Penn.	1171	10	5	60	...	73	18	...	1187
" 1, 1897	Syrian	Cincinnati, O.	1405	15	29	61	...	142	...	...	1442
" 1, 1897	Tangier	Omaha, Neb.	679	2	1	27	...	18	3	...	670
" 1, 1897	Tebala	Rockford, Ill.	209	2	1	...	...	12	2	...	220
" 1, 1897	Tripoli	Milwaukee, Wis.	552	9	10	17	...	25	2	...	543
" 1, 1897	Yaarab	Atlanta, Ga.	212	2	5	...	...	11	11	...	227
" 1, 1897	Zamora	Birmingham, Ala.	131	3	4	9	...	24	1	...	140
" 1, 1897	Zem Zem	Eric, Penn.	367	2	8	...	...	78	1	...	441
" 1, 1897	Ziyara	Utica, N.Y.	567	6	6	...	...	45	...	...	600
" 1, 1897	Zuhrah	Minneapolis, Minn.	600	6	14	21	...	90	9	...	658
Totals,			41502	405	865	966	11	4338	287	401	44291

Numerical Standing and Gain and Loss of Temples, May 1, 1897.

No.	TEMPLE.	LOCATION.	MEMBERS.		Gain.	Loss.
			1897	1896		
1	Aleppo.....	Boston, Mass.....	2900	2736	164	.....
2	Mecca.....	New York, N.Y.....	2765	2637	128	.....
3	Lu Lu.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	2499	2326	173	.....
4	Medinah.....	Chicago, Ill.....	2228	2254	.....	26
5	Syrian.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	1442	1405	37	.....
6	Moslem.....	Detroit, Mich.....	1400	1310	90	.....
7	El Kahir.....	Cedar Rapids, Iowa.....	1309	1271	38	.....
8	Syria.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	1187	1171	16	.....
9	Kaaba.....	Davenport, Iowa.....	1050	924	126	.....
10	Saladin.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	921	900	21	.....
11	Ismailia.....	Buffalo, N.Y.....	909	836	73	.....
12	Al Koran.....	Cleveland, Ohio.....	868	775	93	.....
13	Murat.....	Indianapolis, Ind.....	867	684	183	.....
14	Pyramid.....	Bridgeport, Conn.....	823	1091	.....	268
15	Aarat.....	Kansas City, Mo.....	801	769	32	.....
16	El Jebel.....	Denver, Colo.....	789	792	.....	3
17	Almas.....	Washington, D.C.....	764	735	29	.....
18	Palestine.....	Providence, R.I.....	731	687	44	.....
19	Islam.....	San Francisco, Cal.....	724	674	50	.....
20	Oriental.....	Troy, N.Y.....	715	656	59	.....
21	Tangier.....	Omaha, Neb.....	670	679	.....	9
22	Zuhrah.....	Minneapolis, Minn.....	658	600	58	.....
23	Kismet.....	Brooklyn, N.Y.....	648	606	42	.....
24	Osman.....	St. Paul, Minn.....	630	610	20	.....
25	Moolah.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	627	608	19	.....
26	Ziyara.....	Utica, N.Y.....	600	567	33	.....
27	Isis.....	Salina, Kan.....	575	610	.....	35
28	Damascus.....	Rochester, N.Y.....	566	546	20	.....
29	Tripoli.....	Milwaukee, Wis.....	543	552	.....	9
30	Abdallah.....	Leavenworth, Kan.....	518	492	26	.....
31	Mount Sinai.....	Montpelier, Vt.....	506	443	63	.....
32	Hella.....	Dallas, Texas.....	487	493	.....	6
33	El Rlad.....	Sioux Falls, S.D.....	469	456	11	.....
34	Media.....	Watertown, N.Y.....	466	430	36	.....
35	Sphinx.....	Hartford, Conn.....	462	74	388	.....
36	Bouml.....	Baltimore, Md.....	458	431	27	.....
37	Sesostris.....	Lincoln, Neb.....	451	504	.....	53
38	Cyprus.....	Albany, N.Y.....	445	419	26	.....
39	Kora.....	Lewiston, Me.....	444	318	126	.....
40	Al Malaikah.....	Los Angeles, Cal.....	443	394	49	.....
41	Zem Zem.....	Erie, Pa.....	441	367	74	.....
42	Rajah.....	Reading, Pa.....	441	389	52	.....
43	El Zagal.....	Fargo, N.D.....	422	384	38	.....
44	Aladdin.....	Columbus, Ohio.....	404	353	51	.....
45	Moila.....	St. Joseph, Mo.....	400	353	47	.....
46	Osiris.....	Wheeling, W. Va.....	400	490	.....	90
47	Acca.....	Richmond, Va.....	358	338	20	.....
48	Mohammed.....	Peoria, Ill.....	333	284	49	.....
49	Kosair.....	Louisville, Ky.....	310	285	25	.....
50	Ben Hur.....	Austin, Texas.....	250	247	3	.....
51	Rameses.....	Toronto, Can.....	239	205	34	.....
52	Algeria.....	Helena, Mont.....	235	235	.....	.....
53	Yaarab.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	227	212	15	.....
54	Ahmed.....	Marquette, Mich.....	222	183	39	.....
55	Tebala.....	Rockford, Ill.....	220	209	11	.....
56	El Katif.....	Spokane, Wash.....	217	203	14	.....
57	Al Kader.....	Portland, Ore.....	214	216	.....	2
58	Athi.....	Tacoma, Wash.....	210	202	8	.....
59	Irem.....	Wilkes Barre, Pa.....	196	127	69	.....
60	Alhambra.....	Chattanooga, Tenn.....	188	181	7	.....
61	Sahara.....	Pine Bluff, Ark.....	173	219	.....	46
62	El Kalah.....	Salt Lake City, Utah.....	173	162	11	.....
63	Hama-a.....	Meridian, Miss.....	171	124	47	.....
64	Beni Kedem, U.D.....	Charleston, W. Va.....	166	.....	166	.....
65	Jerusalem.....	New Orleans, La.....	160	151	9	.....

Numerical Standing and Gain and Loss of Temples, May 1, 1897.

No.	TEMPLE.	LOCATION.	MEMBERS.		Gain.	Loss.
			1897	1896		
66	Al Chymia	Memphis, Tenn	150	139	11	
67	Zamora	Birmingham, Ala	140	131	9	
68	Ballut Abyad	Albuquerque, N.M.	132	128	4	
69	Korein	Rawlins, Wyo.	130	74	56	
70	India	Oklahoma, O.T.	124	99	25	
71	Oasis	Charlotte, N.C.	114	76	38	
72	Naja	Deadwood, S.D.	102	96	6	
73	Morocco	Jacksonville, Fla.	97	79	18	
74	El Zaribah	Phoenix, Ariz.	77	45	32	
75	Salaam	Olney, Ill.	49	49		
76	Alee, U.D.	Savannah, Ga.	48		48	
77	El Korah, U.D.	Boise City, Idaho				
Totals..			44,291	41,502	3336	547

RECAPITULATION.

Membership May 1, 1896	41,502
Died	405
Dimitted	855
Suspended	966
Expelled	11
Loss	2,237
Total	39,265
Initiated	4,338
Restored and affiliated	287
Charter Members New Temples	401
Gain	5,026
Total Membership April 30, 1897	44,291
A gain for the year of	2,789

The receipts of my office during the year have been as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensations.	Certificates.	TOTALS.
May 20, 1896	Abdallah		14 00					
Aug. 22, 1896	"						10 00	
Nov. 28, 1896	"		44 00					
April 28, 1897	"		22 00					
May 6, 1897	"	60 00						150 00
Oct. 26, 1896	Acca						10 00	
May 29, 1897	"	40 00	100 00					150 00
Dec. 16, 1896	Affi		22 00				2 00	
May 14, 1897	"	30 00						54 00
July 13, 1896	Ahmed		18 00					
July 25, 1896	"						5 00	
Feb. 18, 1897	"		20 00					
Mar. 29, 1897	"						5 00	
April 15, 1897	"	30 00						78 00
May 12, 1897	Aladdin	50 00	112 00				40 00	202 00
July 1, 1896	Alee					150 00		
July 29, 1896	"		10 00		15 00			
Sept. 12, 1896	"		40 00				1 00	
Nov. 10, 1896	"		16 00				2 00	
May 4, 1897	"	10 00	10 00					254 00
May 8, 1897	"		10 00					
May 13, 1896	Aleppo		138 00					
May 27, 1896	"						50 00	
Nov. 6, 1896	"		132 00					
Dec. 29, 1896	"		106 00					
Mar. 25, 1897	"						25 00	
April 1, 1897	"		166 00					
April 2, 1897	"	290 00						907 00
Sept. 25, 1896	Algeria						10 00	
Dec. 31, 1896	"		32 00					
Jan. 19, 1897	"			1 00				
May 1, 1897	"	30 00						73 00
Sept. 2, 1896	Alhambra						20 00	
May 10, 1897	"	20 00	20 00					60 00
Feb. 16, 1897	Al Kader						2 50	
May 24, 1897	"	30 00						32 50
Aug. 3, 1896	Al Koran						10	
Aug. 28, 1896	"						10	
Sept. 24, 1896	"						10	
Oct. 3, 1896	"						10	
Oct. 7, 1896	"						10	
Oct. 13, 1896	"						40	
Oct. 14, 1896	"		74 00				10	
Oct. 24, 1896	"						10	
Nov. 6, 1896	"						10	
Nov. 19, 1896	"						10	
Oct. 27, 1896	"						30	
Dec. 4, 1896	"						10	
Dec. 10, 1896	"		84 00					
Dec. 18, 1896	"						20	
Dec. 31, 1896	"						10	
Jan. 4, 1897	"						1 00	
Feb. 8, 1897	"						1 00	
Feb. 10, 1897	"		30 00				2 00	
Mar. 17, 1897	"		2 00					
May 9, 1897	"	90 00	28 00					314 00
Aug. 13, 1896	Al Malaikah		18 00				7 00	
Feb. 15, 1897	"		54 00					
April 27, 1897	"	50 00	28 00					157 00
Aug. 29, 1896	Almas						1 00	
Oct. 17, 1896	"						5 00	
Carried forward,		730 00	1340 00	1 00	15 00	150 00	201 50	2431 50

Receipts. — Continued.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensa- tions.	Certificates.	TOTALS.
	<i>Brought forward</i>	730 00	1340 00	1 00	15 00	150 00	201 50	2431 50
Jan 19, 1897	Almas		46 00					172 00
May 3, 1897	"	80 00	40 00				5 00	93 00
Sept. 18, 1896	Al Chymia	20 00	68 00					
May 8, 1897	"		12 00				2 50	
June 11, 1896	Ararat		28 00	1 00			5 00	
Sept. 24, 1896	"		42 00					180 50
Dec. 21, 1896	"	90 00					10 00	
April 27, 1897	Ballut Abyad		8 00					
May 6, 1897	"		12 00					50 00
Sept. 1, 1896	"	20 00						
Jan. 14, 1897	"							58 00
Mar. 17, 1897	"	30 00	18 00					
May 15, 1897	Ben Hur						10 00	
Oct. 5, 1896	"	30 00	18 00					38 00
May 7, 1897	Beni Kedem					150 00		
July 1, 1896	"						5 00	
July 29, 1896	"		88 00					
Nov. 4, 1896	"		16 00					
Dec. 14, 1896	"		24 00					
Mar. 24, 1897	"	20 00						318 00
May 8, 1897	"		4 00					
July 20, 1896	Boumi		18 00				1 00	
Oct. 3, 1896	"						1 00	
Nov. 3, 1896	"		16 00					
Dec. 4, 1896	"		34 00				1 00	
April 5, 1897	"	50 00						125 00
May 6, 1897	"						5 00	
Oct. 14, 1896	Cyprus	50 00	52 00					107 00
May 14, 1897	"						1 00	
Dec. 29, 1896	Damascus						1 00	
Mar. 29, 1897	"	60 00	42 00				5 00	109 00
May 4, 1897	"		46 00				5 00	
Aug. 21, 1896	El Jebel		34 00					170 00
Oct. 19, 1896	"	80 00	20 00				2 00	
Feb. 5, 1897	"		28 00				2 00	
Mar. 30, 1897	"	20 00	96 00					72 00
Sept. 1, 1896	El Kalah		20 00					
Dec. 9, 1896	"		44 00					
Feb. 8, 1897	"		20 00					
May 13, 1897	"		36 00					
June 6, 1896	El Kahir		140 00					406 00
July 27, 1896	"		12 00				2 50	
Aug. 3, 1896	"		22 00					66 50
Nov. 30, 1896	"	20 00						150 00
Dec. 21, 1896	"		44 00				2 00	
Feb. 1, 1897	"		42 00					
April 13, 1897	"	10 00		1 00				57 00
Nov. 23, 1896	El Katif		12 00					
May 12, 1897	"	30 00	22 00					
July 1, 1896	El Korah					150 00		
Nov. 23, 1896	El Zaribah							
April 12, 1897	"		44 00					
May 7, 1897	"	10 00		1 00				
June 5, 1896	El Riad		42 00				5 00	
July 25, 1896	"							
Aug. 15, 1896	"			1 00				
Sept. 3, 1896	"						5 00	
Oct. 12, 1896	"		12 00					
May 7, 1897	"	50 00						115 00
Sept. 8, 1896	El Zagal						5 00	
	<i>Carried forward,</i>	1480 00	2384 00	4 00	30 00	450 00	337 50	4680 50

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	<i>Brought forward,</i>	1480 00	2384 00	4 00	30 00	450 00	337 50	4680 50
April 29, 1897	El Zagal	50 00	84 00					139 00
May 11, 1896	Hamasa		12 00					
Aug. 6, 1896	"						1 00	
Sept. 4, 1896	"		2 00				1 00	
Dec. 1, 1896	"						2 50	
Dec. 12, 1896	"		12 00					
Feb. 22, 1897	"		62 00				2 50	
May 4, 1897	"	20 00		1 00				
May 17, 1897	"		4 00					120 00
June 8, 1896	Hella		8 00					
Sept. 21, 1896	"						3 00	
Mar. 29, 1897	"		66 00				10 00	
May 17, 1897	"	50 00	20 00					157 00
June 4, 1896	India		16 00					
Aug. 28, 1896	"						2 00	
Oct. 26, 1896	"		18 00					
Jan. 8, 1897	"		18 00					
Feb. 13, 1897	"						4 00	
May 3, 1897	"	20 00						78 00
June 9, 1896	Irem		80 00					
Oct. 16, 1896	"						5 00	
Dec. 2, 1896	"		26 00					
Jan. 23, 1897	"		18 00					
May 10, 1897	"	20 00	8 00					157 00
May 25, 1896	Isis			1 00				
July 27, 1896	"						5 00	
Nov. 16, 1896	"			1 00			5 00	
Dec. 1, 1896	"		14 00					
Feb. 15, 1897	"						5 00	
Feb. 25, 1897	"		24 00	1 00				
May 3, 1897	"	60 00						116 00
Sept. 5, 1896	Islam						5 00	
May 10, 1897	"	80 00	132 00					217 00
June 2, 1896	Ismailia		24 00					
Aug. 30, 1896	"						30 00	
Sept. 28, 1896	"			1 00				
Oct. 31, 1896	"		20 00					
Jan. 8, 1897	"			1 00				
Feb. 1, 1897	"		20 00					
Mar. 9, 1897	"		46 00					
Mar. 17, 1897	"			1 00				
May 4, 1897	"	100 00	38 00					281 00
May 17, 1896	Jerusalem			1 00				
Jan. 2, 1897	"		8 00				5 00	
May 4, 1897	"	20 00	18 00					52 00
June 8, 1896	Kaaba		10 00					
Aug. 14, 1896	"						10	
Aug. 21, 1896	"			2 00				
Aug. 31, 1896	"						1 00	
Sept. 21, 1896	"						5 00	
Sept. 14, 1896	"						1 00	
Sept. 22, 1896	"		70 00					
Nov. 16, 1896	"						5 00	
Nov. 27, 1896	"		62 00					
Dec. 11, 1896	"		110 00					
Jan. 22, 1897	"						3 00	
Mar. 8, 1897	"		6 00					
Mar. 23, 1897	"						5 00	
Mar. 25, 1897	"		30 00					
April 30, 1897	"	110 00						420 10
	<i>Carried forward,</i>	2010 00	3470 00	14 00	30 00	450 00	443 60	6417 60

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DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensa- tions.	Certificates.	TOTALS.
Jan. 3, 1896	<i>Brought forward</i>	2010 00	3470 00	14 00	30 00	450 00	443 60	6417 60
July 13, 1896	Kismet		8 00					
Nov. 3, 1896	"		14 00					
Nov. 21, 1896	"						80	
Dec. 4, 1896	"		24 00				5 00	
Jan. 6, 1897	"		20 00					
Feb. 5, 1897	"		12 00					
Mar. 5, 1897	"		16 00	1 00				
April 7, 1897	"		18 00					
May 4, 1897	"	70 00	14 00					202 80
June 3, 1896	Kora		18 00					
Aug. 3, 1896	"						1 00	
Sept. 5, 1896	"						1 00	
Sept. 11, 1896	"		26 00					
Nov. 30, 1896	"		4 00					
Jan. 4, 1897	"						10	
Jan. 12, 1897	"						1 00	
Jan. 26, 1897	"						2 00	
Feb. 19, 1897	"		126 00					
Mar. 17, 1897	"						4 00	
April 3, 1897	"		62 00					
April 21, 1897	"	50 00	26 00	1 00				322 10
Sept. 10, 1896	Korein						50	
Nov. 30, 1896	"						50	
Jan. 23, 1897	"						1 20	
Jan. 29, 1897	"		108 00					
Feb. 3, 1897	"						5 00	
April 7, 1897	"		2 00					
April 27, 1897	"	20 00						137 20
Aug. 3, 1896	Kosair						5 00	
Dec. 19, 1896	"		46 00					
Feb. 12, 1897	"						5 00	
April 2, 1897	"		16 00					
April 9, 1897	"			2 00				
May 4, 1897	"	40 00						114 00
Aug. 25, 1896	Lu Lu						5 00	
Oct. 9, 1896	"						5 00	
Nov. 19, 1896	"						5 00	
Feb. 5, 1897	"						5 00	
May 8, 1897	"	250 00	464 00					734 00
June 20, 1896	Mecca		78 00					
June 20, 1896	"			1 00				
Sept. 2, 1896	"						1 00	
Oct. 14, 1896	"						5 00	
Oct. 31, 1896	"		78 00	1 00				
Nov. 23, 1896	"						5 00	
Dec. 3, 1896	"		50 00					
Dec. 5, 1896	"			1 00				
Dec. 8, 1896	"						5 00	
Jan. 1, 1897	"		52 00	1 00			5 00	
Jan. 7, 1897	"			1 00				
Feb. 1, 1897	"		74 00				5 00	
April 3, 1897	"		124 00					
April 5, 1897	"			1 00				
April 29, 1897	"						1 00	
May 4, 1897	"	280 00	102 00					871 00
June 5, 1896	Medinah		38 00	1 00				
Sept. 2, 1896	"						5 00	
Oct. 2, 1896	"		38 00					
Oct. 30, 1896	"		38 00					
	<i>Carried forward,</i>	2720 00	5166 00	25 00	30 00	450 00	527 70	8798 70

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Dec. 4, 1896	<i>Brought forward,</i>	2720 00	5166 00	25 00	30 00	450 00	527 70	8798 70
Mar. 3, 1897	Medinah		38 00	1 00			5 00	
Mar. 3, 1897	"		46 00	1 00				
Sept. 23, 1896	Media	230 00	92 00	2 00			5 00	540 00
Dec. 17, 1896	"		28 00	1 00			1 00	
Feb. 18, 1897	"						2 00	
Mar. 13, 1897	"		48 00					
April 30, 1897	"	50 00						130 00
Sept. 11, 1896	Mohammed		32 00				5 00	
Sept. 26, 1896	"		10 00					
Sept. 28, 1896	"		10 00					
Dec. 21, 1896	"		58 00				2 50	
May 1, 1897	"							
May 3, 1897	"	40 00						157 50
June 9, 1896	Moila		60 00					
Aug. 17, 1896	"						1 00	
Aug. 22, 1896	"						1 00	
Aug. 27, 1896	"						2 00	
Nov. 30, 1896	"		2 00					
Dec. 19, 1896	"						1 00	
Jan. 30, 1897	"						2 50	
Feb. 15, 1897	"		36 00					
May 6, 1897	"	40 00	2 00					147 50
Sept. 26, 1896	Moolah						10 00	
Oct. 30, 1896	"		42 00					
Nov. 3, 1896	"			1 00				
Feb. 25, 1897	"		38 00					
May 14, 1897	"	70 00						161 00
Sept. 10, 1896	Morocco		20 00				1 00	
Mar. 13, 1897	"						1 00	
May 10, 1897	"	10 00						
May 20, 1897	"		14 00					46 00
June 3, 1896	Moslem		46 00	1 00				
Oct. 12, 1896	"						1 00	
Dec. 3, 1896	"						2 00	
Jan. 22, 1897	"		52 00	1 00			3 00	
April 5, 1897	"		44 00	1 00				
May 1, 1897	"		58 00					
May 12, 1897	"	140 00						319 00
May 25, 1896	Mount Sinai			2 00				
May 26, 1896	"		32 00					
Aug. 21, 1896	"						1 00	
Aug. 27, 1896	"						2 00	
Sept. 22, 1896	"						1 00	
Oct. 3, 1896	"		26 00				1 00	
Oct. 26, 1896	"						1 00	
Nov. 20, 1896	"						1 00	
Dec. 4, 1896	"						1 00	
Nov. 28, 1896	"		22 00					
Dec. 15, 1896	"		26 00					
Jan. 27, 1897	"						1 00	
Feb. 2, 1897	"		24 00				1 00	
Mar. 20, 1897	"						1 00	
April 3, 1897	"						1 00	
April 28, 1897	"	60 00						204 00
Oct. 5, 1896	Murat			1 00			1 00	
Dec. 21, 1896	"		348 00				10 00	
April 8, 1897	"						5 50	
April 29, 1897	"		42 00					
May 3, 1897	"	90 00						497 50
	<i>Carried forward,</i>	3450 00	6462 00	37 00	30 00	450 00	602 20	11031 20

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DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensa- tions.	Certificates.	TOTALS.
	<i>Brought forward,</i>	3450 00	6462 00	37 00	30 00	450 00	602 20	11031 20
Oct. 19, 1897	Naja						1 20	
May 10, 1897	"	20 00	12 00				3 00	36 20
Nov. 14, 1896	Oasis						1 00	
Dec. 18, 1896	"		66 00					
May 10, 1897	"						5 00	
May 17, 1897	"	20 00	14 00					106 00
June 12, 1896	Oriental		80 00					
July 30, 1896	"						2 50	
Aug. 31, 1896	"						10 00	
Sept. 19, 1896	"		26 00					
Sept. 30, 1896	"			2 00				
Dec. 10, 1896	"		20 00	5 00				
Feb. 22, 1897	"		32 00					
May 1, 1897	"	80 00						257 50
Oct. 19, 1896	Osiris						10 00	
Jan. 4, 1897	"		38 00					
May 12, 1897	"	40 00						88 00
Oct. 12, 1896	Osman		14 00					
Feb. 15, 1897	"						10 00	
Mar. 19, 1897	"		30 00					
May 5, 1897	"	70 00						124 00
Nov. 3, 1896	Palestine						5 00	
Dec. 16, 1896	"		72 00					
Jan. 7, 1897	"						5 00	
Jan. 10, 1897	"		6 00					
May 6, 1897	"	80 00	24 00					192 00
June 12, 1896	Pyramid		30 00					
Sept. 17, 1896	"						1 00	
Oct. 13, 1896	"						20 00	
Dec. 19, 1896	"		72 00					
Apr. 27, 1897	"		52 00					
May 6, 1897	"	90 00						265 00
July 1, 1896	Rajah		12 00					
Aug. 14, 1896	"						2 50	
Oct. 24, 1896	"		60 00					
Nov. 10, 1896	"						2 50	
Dec. 17, 1896	"		30 00					
Mar. 22, 1897	"		18 00					
April 20, 1897	"	50 00						175 00
Aug. 7, 1896	Rameses						1 00	
Dec. 10, 1896	"		30 00					
Mar. 5, 1897	"						1 00	
April 27, 1897	"	30 00	50 00					112 00
May 29, 1896	Sahara			1 00				
July 6, 1896	"			1 00				
Sept. 21, 1896	"						50	
Dec. 11, 1896	"						9 50	
Jan. 23, 1897	"						5 00	
May 10, 1897	"	20 00						37 00
	Salaam							
June 4, 1896	Saladin		94 00					
July 27, 1896	"						35 00	
Jan. 6, 1897	"		20 00					
Mar. 15, 1897	"		34 00					
May 10, 1897	"	100 00						283 00
Oct. 16, 1896	Sesostris			2 00			3 00	
Dec. 8, 1896	"						5 00	
May 3, 1897	"						5 00	
May 20, 1897	"	50 00	58 00					123 00
Aug. 12, 1896	Sphinx						2 50	
	<i>Carried forward,</i>	4100 00	7456 00	48 00	30 00	450 00	748 40	12829 90

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DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensa- tions.	Certificates.	TOTALS.
	<i>Brought forward,</i>	4100 00	7456 00	48 00	30 00	450 00	748 40	12829 90
Oct. 17, 1896	Sphinx						10 00	
Oct. 19, 1896	"		140 00					
April 9, 1897	"		76 00					
May 5, 1897	"	50 00						278 50
May 25, 1896	Syria		28 00					
Sept. 30, 1896	"						2 00	
Oct. 19, 1896	"						2 00	
Nov. 14, 1896	"						5 00	
Dec. 10, 1896	"		76 00					
Feb. 17, 1897	"						2 00	
Mar. 6, 1897	"		42 00					
April 16, 1897	"			1 00				
May 10, 1897	"	120 00						278 00
Oct. 23, 1896	Syrian						2 50	
Jan. 6, 1897	"		110 00	1 00			5 00	
Mar. 5, 1897	"		174 00					
Mar. 17, 1897	"			1 00				
April 14, 1897	"			1 00				
May 7, 1897	"	150 00						444 50
Oct. 25, 1896	Tangier						2 00	
Nov. 27, 1896	"						2 00	
Dec. 5, 1896	"						2 00	
Dec. 31, 1896	"		36 00					
Jan. 19, 1897	"						2 00	
Feb. 1, 1897	"						1 00	
Feb. 9, 1897	"						2 00	
Mar. 13, 1897	"						2 00	
April 12, 1897	"						3 00	
May 3, 1897	"						5 00	
May 10, 1897	"	70 00						127 00
Aug. 26, 1896	Tebala						20 00	
April 30, 1896	"		24 00					
Feb. 8, 1897	"						10 00	
May 5, 1897	"	30 00						84 00
Nov. 21, 1896	Tripoli						20 00	
Dec. 26, 1896	"		52 00					
Mar. 3, 1897	"						20 00	
May 6, 1897	"	60 00						152 00
Nov. 23, 1896	Yaarab		4 00				5 00	
Jan. 10, 1897	"		10 00					
April 19, 1897	"	30 00	8 00					57 00
July 17, 1896	Zamora		30 00					
July 29, 1896	"						5 00	
Dec. 8, 1896	"		16 00					
Dec. 29, 1896	"		2 00					
May 7, 1897	"	20 00						73 00
May 21, 1896	Zem Zem		16 00					
Aug. 4, 1896	"						20 00	
Aug. 22, 1896	"						10 00	
Oct. 28, 1896	"		98 00					
Jan. 6, 1897	"		8 00					
Mar. 10, 1897	"						25 00	
Mar. 22, 1897	"		34 00					
April 23, 1897	"	50 00						261 00
Sept. 16, 1896	Zirara		76 00					
May 4, 1897	"	60 00	14 00					150 00
June 13, 1896	Zuhrah		42 00					
Aug. 21, 1896	"						10 00	
Sept. 8, 1896	"		60 00					
Oct. 31, 1896	"		12 00					
	<i>Carried forward,</i>	4740 00	8644 00	52 00	30 00	450 00	942 90	14734 90

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DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensa- tions.	Certificates.	TOTALS.
	<i>Brought forward</i>	4740 00	8644 00	52 00	30 00	450 00	942 90	14734 90
Jan. 28, 1897	Zuhrah		48 00					
Jan. 30, 1897	"						20 00	
Mar. 11, 1897	"		18 00					
May. 3, 1897	"	70 00						280 00
May 13, 1897	Osman	Mileage	and Per	Diem over-	paid,	returne	d	64 26
Mar. 20, 1897		Charter	Fee, Char	lesto	n, S. C.	100 00		100 00
	<i>Totals,</i>	4810 00	8710 00	52 00	30 00	550 00	962 90	15,179 16

SUMMARY.

Annual dues	\$4,810 00
Initiation Fees	8,710 00
Duplicate Diplomas	52 00
Rituals	30 00
Certificates	962 90
Dispensation Fees	550 00
Mileage and Per Diem	64 26
Total	<u>\$15,179 16</u>

RECORD OF THE RECEIPT OF THE ANNUAL RETURNS OF TEMPLES BY THE
IMPERIAL RECORDER, 1897.

Temple.	Date.	Temple.	Date.
1 Aleppo . . .	April 2, 1897	39 Morocco . . .	May 6, 1897
2 El Kahir . . .	April 13, 1897	40 Pyramid . . .	May 6, 1897
3 Ahmed . . .	April 15, 1897	41 Boumi . . .	May 6, 1897
4 Yaarab . . .	April 19, 1897	42 Moila . . .	May 6, 1897
5 Rajah . . .	April 20, 1897	43 Abdallah . . .	May 6, 1897
6 Zem Zem . . .	April 23, 1897	44 Syrian . . .	May 7, 1897
7 Rameses . . .	April 27, 1897	45 El Riad . . .	May 7, 1897
8 Al Malaikah . . .	April 27, 1897	46 Zamora . . .	May 7, 1897
9 Korcin . . .	April 27, 1897	47 Ben Hur . . .	May 7, 1897
10 Kora . . .	April 27, 1897	48 Al Koran . . .	May 7, 1897
11 Mount Sinai . . .	April 27, 1897	49 El Zaribah . . .	May 7, 1897
12 El Zagal . . .	April 27, 1897	50 Al Chymia . . .	May 8, 1897
13 Kaaba . . .	April 30, 1897	51 Beni Kedem . . .	May 8, 1897
14 Media . . .	April 30, 1897	52 Lu Lu . . .	May 8, 1897
15 Oriental . . .	May 1, 1897	53 Saladin . . .	May 10, 1897
16 Algeria . . .	May 1, 1897	54 Naja . . .	May 10, 1897
17 Almas . . .	May 3, 1897	55 Tangier . . .	May 10, 1897
18 Murat . . .	May 3, 1897	56 Irem . . .	May 10, 1897
19 Palestine . . .	May 3, 1897	57 Sahara . . .	May 10, 1897
20 Medinah . . .	May 3, 1897	58 Syria . . .	May 10, 1897
21 India . . .	May 3, 1897	59 Moolah . . .	May 10, 1897
22 Osman . . .	May 3, 1897	60 Islam . . .	May 10, 1897
23 Zuhrah . . .	May 3, 1897	61 Alhambra . . .	May 10, 1897
24 Mohammed . . .	May 3, 1897	62 Damascus . . .	May 11, 1897
25 Isis . . .	May 3, 1897	63 Osiris . . .	May 12, 1897
26 Tripoli . . .	May 3, 1897	64 El Katif . . .	May 12, 1897
27 Kosair . . .	May 3, 1897	65 Aladdin . . .	May 12, 1897
28 Hamasa . . .	May 4, 1897	66 Acca . . .	May 12, 1897
29 Alec . . .	May 4, 1897	67 Moslem . . .	May 12, 1897
30 Jerusalem . . .	May 4, 1897	68 El Kalah . . .	May 13, 1897
31 Mecca . . .	May 4, 1897	69 Afil . . .	May 14, 1897
32 Kismet . . .	May 4, 1897	70 Cyprus . . .	May 14, 1897
33 Ziyara . . .	May 4, 1897	71 Ballut Abyad . . .	May 15, 1897
34 Ismailia . . .	May 4, 1897	72 Oasis . . .	May 17, 1897
35 El Jebel . . .	May 5, 1897	73 Hella . . .	May 17, 1897
36 Tebala . . .	May 5, 1897	74 Sesostris . . .	May 20, 1897
37 Sphinx . . .	May 5, 1897	75 Al Kader . . .	May 24, 1897
38 Ararat . . .	May 6, 1897		

AMOUNTS PAID TO THE IMPERIAL TREASURER.

Date.	Treasurer.	Amount.
May 20, 1896,	Wm. S. Brown, Imp. Treas.	\$164 00
June 2, 1896,	" "	100 00
June 3, 1896,	" "	167 00
June 4, 1896,	" "	102 00
June 6, 1896,	" "	193 00
June 9, 1896,	" "	158 00
June 12, 1896,	" "	103 00
July 2, 1896,	" "	504 00
July 28, 1896,	" "	137 00
Aug. 4, 1896,	" "	123 60
Aug. 27, 1896,	" "	123 10
Sept. 8, 1896,	" "	181 10
Sept. 21, 1896,	" "	180 00
Sept. 28, 1896,	" "	129 60
Oct 12, 1896,	" "	142 20
Oct. 19, 1896,	" "	326 70
Oct. 28, 1896,	" "	189 90
Oct. 31, 1896,	" "	159 00
Nov: 4, 1896,	" "	132 80
Nov. 9, 1896,	" "	132 10
Nov. 23, 1896,	" "	128 10
Nov. 28, 1896,	" "	113 00
Dec: 2, 1896,	" "	139 00
Dec. 5, 1896,	" "	112 00
Dec. 10, 1896,	" "	250 10
Dec. 11, 1896,	" "	149 50
Dec. 16, 1896,	" "	150 00
Dec. 18, 1896,	" "	125 20
Dec. 19, 1896,	" "	119 00
Dec. 24, 1896,	" "	422 00
Dec. 31, 1896,	" "	197 00
Jan. 2, 1897,	" "	103 10
Jan. 6, 1897,	" "	203 10
Jan. 19, 1897,	" "	147 00
Jan. 29, 1897,	" "	194 50
Feb. 1, 1897,	" "	153 50
Feb. 11, 1897,	" "	103 20
Feb. 16, 1897,	" "	116 50
Feb. 19, 1897,	" "	150 00
Feb. 25, 1897,	" "	132 50
Mar. 22, 1897,	" "	705 00

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Date.	Treasurer.				Amount.
Mar. 24, 1897,	Wm. S. Brown,	Imp. Treas.	.	.	\$147 00
April 1, 1897,	"	"	.	.	307 00
April 2, 1897,	"	"	.	.	304 00
April 5, 1897,	"	"	.	.	268 00
April 12, 1897,	"	"	.	.	147 50
April 13, 1897,	"	"	.	.	143 00
April 20, 1897,	"	"	.	.	120 00
April 28, 1897,	"	"	.	.	305 00
April 29, 1897,	"	"	.	.	125 00
April 30, 1897,	"	"	.	.	330 00
May 1, 1897,	"	"	.	.	248 50
May 3, 1897,	"	"	.	.	739 00
May 4, 1897,	"	"	.	.	711 00
May 5, 1897,	"	"	.	.	292 00
May 6, 1897,	"	"	.	.	434 00
May 7, 1897,	"	"	.	.	448 00
May 8, 1897,	"	"	.	.	843 00
May 10, 1897,	"	"	.	.	355 00
May 11, 1897,	"	"	.	.	267 00
May 12, 1897,	"	"	.	.	294 00
May 13, 1897,	"	"	.	.	252 26
May 14, 1897,	"	"	.	.	309 00
May 18, 1897,	"	"	.	.	128 00
May 20, 1897,	"	"	.	.	122 00
May 26, 1897,	"	"	.	.	30 50
May 29, 1897,	"	"	.	.	140 00
Total	.	.	.	.	\$15,179 16

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE RECEIPTS FROM MAY 1, 1897, TO DATE
TO GO ON NEW YEAR'S ACCOUNT.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Diploma Fees.	Dup. Dip. Fees.	Cert. Fees.	Disp. Fee.	Totals.
May 12, 1897	Al Koran.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....
May 14, 1897	Abdallah.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
May 15, 1897	Zuhrah.....	80 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
May 15, 1897	Mecca.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....
May 17, 1897	Lu Lu.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....
May 17, 1897	Isis.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
May 17, 1897	Isis.....	28 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
May 20, 1897	Zamora.....	78 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
May 20, 1897	Morocco.....	24 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....
May 24, 1897	Moila.....	24 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
May 24, 1897	Zem Zem.....	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
May 24, 1897	El Kahir.....	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
May 24, 1897	Isis.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
May 24, 1897	Ismailia.....	46 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
May 24, 1897	Damascus.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....
May 26, 1897	Syrian.....	32 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
May 26, 1897	Kora.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....
May 26, 1897	Moolah.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
May 26, 1897	Almas.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
May 27, 1897	Osiris.....	92 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
May 27, 1897	Aleppo.....	84 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
May 27, 1897	Syria.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....
May 28, 1897	Media.....	48 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
May 28, 1897	Syrian.....	78 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
May 31, 1897	Abdallah.....	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
May 31, 1897	India.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
June 2, 1897	Oriental.....	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
June 3, 1897	Medinah.....	34 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
June 3, 1897	Moolah.....	54 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
June 4, 1897	Syria.....	58 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
June 4, 1897	Meiha.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....
		942 00	2 00	13 50	100 00	1,059 50

AMOUNTS PAID THE IMPERIAL TREASURER.

May 26, 1897, Wm. S. Brown, Imp. Treas,	.....	\$410 50
May 28, 1897, " " "	.....	315 00

The expenses of my office during the term just closed have been as follows:—

Printing proceedings of 1896	.....	\$397 48
" constitutions for 1896	.....	67 50
" 5000 diplomas	.....	156 88
Binding three vols. annual returns	.....	6 00
Printing reports standing of Temples	.....	8 75
" " suspensions of nobles	.....	17 75
" ballots	.....	6 75

1000 Government envelopes stamped 2 cts.	\$24 50
Electrotypes and autographs	8 66
Rubber stamps	1 95
Printing list of officers (circular)	6 75
" circular visiting nobles	15 75
" " requests for notices	6 75
" " specimen certificate	7 00
" " election returns	6 75
" " specimen certificates	5 75
" " suggestions to Potentates	16 75
" " Call for Twenty-second Session	7 50
" " 2d call for Twenty-second Ses- sion	16 75
" envelopes for annual returns	7 50
Mailing tubes for diplomas	13 25
Half-tone portraits and printing	29 25
Visiting certificates and printing names	230 19
" " numbering	2 48
Pasteboard boxes for jewels	1 20
Printing 512 blanks for annual returns	64 25
" receipts for jewels	3 00
Manilla envelopes for certificates	3 75
Binding proceedings	6 75
" constitutions and laws	4 50
One binder for jewel receipts	2 25
Stationery, etc.	19 75
Manilla envelopes for returns	7 25
Letter heads	5 87
600 lists Temples, officers and representatives	57 75
Postage 12 months	122 68
Repairing jewels	3 50
Telegrams	7 20
Express	12 91
Total	<u>\$1,371 45</u>

During the year I have, by order of the Imperial Potentate, drawn the following warrants on the Imperial Treasury.

No.	In favor of	For	Amount
107	Charles L. Field,	Contingent Fund,	\$700 00
108	"	Expense Instituting El Zaribah Temple	75 00
109	"	Expense printing Annual Address,	48 00
110	Horace K. Blanchard,	Inspection Kora Temple,	42 17
	<i>Amount carried forward</i>		<u>\$865 17</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$865 17
111 Caleb Saunders,	Extra per diem, Committee on Jurisprudence	10 00
112 Allen Andrews,	" " " "	10 00
113 J. C. Davis,	" " " "	10 00
114 Acca Temple,	Amount over-paid,	42 00
115 Fidelity & Deposit Co., Md.,	Bond Imp. Treasurer,	100 00
116 William S. Brown, Treas.,	Ex. Headquarters 22d Session,	12 00
117 B. W. Rowell, Recorder,	" " " "	25 00
118 Wm. S. Brown, Treas.,	Mileage & per diem 22d Session,	8591 88
119 Wm. S. Brown, Treas.,	Rubber Stamp & Pad,	1 75
120 H. Dingman, I. P.,	Contingent Fund,	300 00
121 B. W. Rowell, Recorder,	Two months' salary and expense,	461 64
122 Godfrey Jepson,	Repairing jewels,	3 50
123 E. B. Stillings & Co.,	Printing and stationery,	63 75
124 " " " "	" " " "	102 11
125 " " " "	" " " "	659 77
126 El Katif Temple,	Amount overpaid,	10 00
127 B. W. Rowell, Imp. Rec.,	One month's salary and expense,	202 31
128 " " " "	" " " "	221 65
129 H. Dingman, I. P.,	Contingent Fund,	300 00
130 C. G. Braxmar,	Jewel, C. L. Field,	500 00
131 J. McGee,	Ex. on Jewel,	2 00
132 " " " "	Letter Heads Imperial Treas.,	44 00
133 B. W. Rowell, Imp. Rec.,	One month's salary and expense,	205 38
134 El Zaribah Temple,	Guaranty Fee receipted,	100 00
135 Sphinx Temple,	" " " "	100 00
136 W. S. Brown, Imp. Treas.,	Ex: instituting Beni Kedem,	29 70
137 B. W. Rowell, Imp. Rec.,	One month's salary and expense,	209 26
138 Freeman G. Teed,	Ex. instituting El Zaribah Temple,	55 80
139 E. B. Stillings & Co.,	Stationery and printing,	155 48
140 B. W. Rowell, Imp. Rec.,	One month's salary and expense,	224 95
141 H. Dingman, I. P.,	Contingent Fund,	200 00
142 B. W. Rowell, Imp. Rec.	Expense of self & Dingman, Detroit,	104 95
143 " " " "	One month's salary and expense,	211 66
144 " " " "	" " " "	202 67
145 E. B. Stillings & Co.,	Printing and supplies, Jan., Feb. and April,	245 50
146 B. W. Rowell, Imp. Rec.,	One month's salary and expense,	211 02
147 W. S. Brown, Imp. Treas.,	One year's salary,	200 00
148 Harrison Dingman,	Contingent Fund,	200 00
149 Charles G. Braxmar,	Representative badges,	140 00
150 B. W. Rowell,	Two months' salary and expense,	413 64
Total,		\$15,748 54

RITUALS.

Since the last annual report in June, 1896, I have delivered the following rituals:—

Beni Kedem Temple, Charleston, W. Va	Nos. 195, 196, 197
Alee Temple, Savannah, Ga.	Nos. 198, 199, 200
El Korah Temple, Boise City, Idaho	Nos. 201, 202, 203
Harrison Dingman, Imperial Potentate	No. 204
J. Lew Rake, Order Imp. Potentate	No. 205

RITUAL ACCOUNTS.

The Rituals now outstanding are as follows, as per receipts on file in the office of the Imperial Recorder.

No. 1	William B. Melish
" 2, 3, 4	Mohammed Temple
" 5, 6, 7	Al Koran Temple
" 8, 9, 10	Boumi Temple
" 11, 12	Alhambra Temple
" 13, 14, 15	India Temple
" 16, 17, 18	Syria Temple
" 19, 20, 21	Hamasa Temple
" 22, 23, 24	Rajah Temple
" 25	Yaarab Temple
" 26	Almas Temple
" 28, 29, 77	El Kahir Temple
" 30, 31	Syrian Temple
" 32, 33, 34	Abdallah Temple
" 35, 36, 37	Tebala Temple
" 38, 39	Oasis Temple
" 40	Kaaba Temple
" 41, 42, 43	Saladin Temple
" 44, 45	Medinah Temple
" 46, 47	Sahara Temple
" 48, 49	Aleppo Temple
" 50, 51, 52	Zem Zem Temple
" 53, 54, 55	Lu Lu Temple
" 56	Oriental Temple
" 57	Al Chymia Temple
" 58, 59	Tangier Temple
" 60, 61	Media Temple
" 62, 63, 64	Zuhrah Temple
" 65, 66, 67	Mt. Sinai Temple
" 68	Osman Temple
" 69, 70, 71	Korein Temple
" 72, 73, 74	Acca Temple
" 75	El Riad Temple
" 76	Morocco Temple
" 78, 135, 173	Affi Temple
" 79, 180	Rameses Temple
" 80, 81, 82	Salaam Temple
" 83, 84	Sesostris Temple
" 85, 86, 87	Kora Temple
" 88, 89, 90	Pyramid Temple

No. 91, 92	Ballut Abyad Temple
" 93, 94, 188, 189	Moslem Temple
" 95, 96, 97	Naja Temple
" 98, 99, 100	Kismet Temple
" 101, 102	Osiris Temple
" 103, 104, 148	Jerusalem Temple
" 105, 106, 107	Moolah Temple
" 108, 109, 110	Tripoli Temple
" 111, 112, 113	Ahmed Temple
" 114, 115, 116	El Katif Temple
" 117, 118, 119	Hella Temple
" 120, 157, 158	Al Kader Temple
" 121, 122	Cyprus Temple
" 123, 124, 125	Isis Temple
" 126, 127, 128	Islam Temple
" 129, 130, 142, 187	Moila Temple
" 131, 132, 168	Murat Temple
" 133, 134	Ararat Temple
" 136, 137, 138	El Kalah Temple
" 139, 140, 141	Al Malaikah Temple
" 143	Ziyara Temple
" 144, 181, 182, 186	Ben Hur Temple
" 145, 146, 147	Palestine Temple
" 149, 150, 151	Ismailia Temple
" 152, 161, 191	Kosair Temple
" 153, 154	Algeria Temple
" 155, 156, 172	Mecca Temple
" 159, 160	Aladdin Temple
" 162	Damascus Temple
" 163, 164, 165	El Jebel Temple
" 166	Osman Temple
" 167	Medinah Temple
" 169, 170, 171	El Zagal Temple
" 174, 175, 176	Zamora Temple
" 177, 178, 179	Irem Temple
" 183, 184, 185	El Zaribah Temple
" 192, 193, 194	Sphinx Temple
" 195, 196, 197	Beni Kedem Temple
" 198, 199, 200	Alce Temple
" 201, 202, 203	El Korah Temple
" 205	J. Lew Rake

Nos. 204, 206 to 500, including No. 27, are in the archives of the office of the Imperial Recorder.

During the term just closed, I have issued circulars and notices by direction of the Imperial Potentate as follows: —

July 1, 1896	List of officers elected at Twenty-second Session.
July 6, 1896	Directions relating to visiting Nobles.
July 7, 1896	Requests for Notices to Imperial Potentate.
July 16, 1896	Specimen visiting Certificates.
July 30, 1896	Annual Proceedings and Constitutions.
Aug. 20, 1896	Suggestions and directions to Temples
Dec. 1, 1896	Blank returns to Temples.
Jan. 9, 1897	Folder giving names of Temples, etc.
Jan. 30, 1897	First Notice Twenty-third Annual Session.
April 7, 1897	Second notice of Twenty-third Annual Session.
May 24, 1897	List of Suspensions.

In conclusion, I desire to take this opportunity to express my thanks for, and acknowledge the many courtesies that have been extended to me both officially and personally by the officers and members of the Order, and for the many letters containing words of commendation for my endeavors to render prompt and accurate service in the matter of engrossing Diplomas, and if a few errors have occurred, it was caused by lack of understanding the many styles of chirography, and not from negligence, and all errors have been cheerfully rectified by your Imperial Recorder.

Respectfully and Fraternally,



Imperial Recorder.

On motion the report was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE IMPERIAL TREASURER.

The Imperial Treasurer, Wm. S. Brown, presented his annual report as follows:—

PITTSBURG, PA., May 31, 1897.

*To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council
A.A.O.N.M.S.*

Your Imperial Treasurer has the pleasure to make the following report and statement of all moneys received and disbursed since the meeting of Imperial Council held at Cleveland, O., June 23, 1896.

1896.

To Balance from last year's account.....\$9,802 22

May	22,	To Cash from Imp. Rec. B. W. Rowell, Receipt No. 88	\$104 00
June	4,	" " " " " " " " 89	100 00
	6,	" " " " " " " " 90	167 00
	6,	" " " " " " " " 91	102 00
	8,	" " " " " " " " 92	193 00
	11,	" " " " " " " " 93	158 00
	20,	" " " " " " " " 94	103 00
July	6,	" " " " " " " " 95	504 00
	30,	" " " " " " " " 96	137 00
Aug.	7,	" " " " " " " " 97	123 60
	29,	" " " " " " " " 98	123 10
Sept.	10,	" " " " " " " " 99	181 10
	23,	" " " " " " " " 100	180 00
	30,	" " " " " " " " 101	129 60
Oct.	14,	" " " " " " " " 102	142 20
	20,	" " " " " " " " 103	326 70
	29,	" " " " " " " " 104	189 90
Nov.	2,	" " " " " " " " 105	159 00
	6,	" " " " " " " " 106	132 80
	10,	" " " " " " " " 107	132 10
	25,	" " " " " " " " 108	128 10
	30,	" " " " " " " " 109	113 00
Dec.	3,	" " " " " " " " 110	139 00
	7,	" " " " " " " " 111	112 00
	11,	" " " " " " " " 112	250 10
	14,	" " " " " " " " 113	149 50
	17,	" " " " " " " " 114	150 00
	21,	" " " " " " " " 115	125 20
	21,	" " " " " " " " 116	119 00
	26,	" " " " " " " " 117	422 00
1897.			
Jan.	3,	" " " " " " " " 118	197 00
	4,	" " " " " " " " 119	103 10
	7,	" " " " " " " " 120	203 10
	20,	" " " " " " " " 121	147 00
	30,	" " " " " " " " 122	194 50
Feb.	2,	" " " " " " " " 123	153 50

Feb.	13,	To Cash from Imp. Rec. B. W. Rowell, Receipt No. 124	\$103 20
"	18,	" " " " " " " " 125	116 50
"	20,	" " " " " " " " 126	150 00
"	27,	" " " " " " " " 127	132 50
March	24,	" " " " " " " " 128	705 00
"	25,	" " " " " " " " 129	147 00
April	1,	" " " " " " " " 130	307 00
"	2,	" " " " " " " " 131	304 00
"	6,	" " " " " " " " 132	268 00
"	14,	" " " " " " " " 133	147 50
"	14,	" " " " " " " " 134	143 00
"	22,	" " " " " " " " 135	120 00
"	30,	" " " " " " " " 136	305 00
"	30,	" " " " " " " " 137	125 00
May	1,	" " " " " " " " 138	338 00
"	3,	" " " " " " " " 139	248 50
"	5,	" " " " " " " " 140	739 00
"	5,	" " " " " " " " 141	711 00
"	6,	" " " " " " " " 142	292 00
"	7,	" " " " " " " " 143	434 00
"	10,	" " " " " " " " 144	448 00
"	10,	" " " " " " " " 145	843 00
"	12,	" " " " " " " " 146	355 00
"	12,	" " " " " " " " 147	267 00
"	13,	" " " " " " " " 148	294 00
"	14,	" " " " " " " " 149	252 26
"	17,	" " " " " " " " 150	309 00
"	20,	" " " " " " " " 151	128 00
"	22,	" " " " " " " " 152	122 00
"	28,	" " " " " " " " 153	30 50
"	31,	" " " " " " " " 154	140 00
Interest on daily balance First National Bank.....			51 65
Total Receipts.....			<u>\$25,033 03</u>
To Balance			<u>\$9,284 49</u>

		By		DISBURSEMENTS.	
1896.		Warrant	No.		
June	22	107	Chas. L. Field, Imp. Potentate, Balance of Contin-		
			gent Fund.....		\$700 00
"	22	108	Chas. L. Field, Imp. Potentate, Instituting El		
			Zaribah Temple.....		75 00
"	22	109	Chas. L. Field, Imp. Potentate, Printing Annual		
			Address.....		48 00
July	6	110	H. K. Blanchard, Visitation and Inspection Kora		
			Temple.....		42 00
"	6	111	Caleb Saunders, extra per diem Com. Jurispru-		
			dence and Laws.....		10 00
"	6	112	Allen Andrews, extra per diem Com. Jurisprudence		
			and Laws.....		10 00
"	6	113	J. C. Davis, extra per diem Com. Jurisprudence		
			and Laws.....		10 00

1896.		By Warrant No.			
"	6	114	Acca Temple, amount overpaid by Temple to Recorder.....	42 00	
"	10	115	Fidelity and Trust Co. of Maryland, premium on Treasurer's Bond \$20,000 to July 25, 1897.....	100 00	
"	10	116	W. S. Brown, Imp. Treasurer, Headquarters Imp. Council, Cleveland.....	12 00	
"	10	117	B. W. Rowell, Imp. Recorder, Headquarters Imp. Council, Recorder and Potentate	25 00	
"	17	118	W. S. Brown, Imp. Treasurer, pay-roll Imp. Council, Cleveland.....	8,591 88	
"	17	119	W. S. Brown, Imp. Treasurer, rubber stamp and pad.....	1 75	
"	24	120	Harrison Dingman, Imp. Potentate, on account Contingent Fund.....	300 00	
Sept.	4	121	B. W. Rowell, Imp. Recorder, on account two months' salary, \$400.00, expense, supplies, postage, \$61.64.....	461 64	
"	4	122	Godfrey Jepson, repairing jewels.....	3 50	
"	4	123	E. B. Stillings & Co., printing bill to June 30.....	63 75	
"	4	124	E. B. Stillings & Co., printing bill from July 1, to July 24.....	102 11	
"	4	125	E. B. Stillings & Co., printing, Aug. 1 to Aug. 15..	659 77	
"	21	126	El Katif Temple, J. H. Shaw, received overpaid annual dues.....	10 00	
"	26	127	B. W. Rowell, Imp. Recorder, on account one month's salary, \$200.00; postage, \$2.31.....	202 31	
Oct.	24	128	B. W. Rowell, Imp. Recorder, on account one month's salary, \$200.00; postage and express, \$21.65.....	221 65	
"	24	129	Harrison Dingman, on account Contingent Fund.....	300 00	
"	29	130	Chas. G. Braxmar, Past Imp. Jewel for C. L. Field.....	500 00	
"	29	131	Jas. McGee, express prepaid on jewel to San Francisco, Cal.....	2 00	
Nov.	10	132	Jos. Eichbaum Co., printing and letter heads.....	44 00	
"	25	133	B. W. Rowell, received on account one month's salary, \$200.00; postage and express, \$5.33....	205 38	
Dec.	4	134	El Zaribah Temple, deposit fee on account charter returned.....	100 00	
"	4	135	Sphinx Temple, deposit fee on account dispensation returned.....	100 00	
"	10	136	W. S. Brown, Imp. Treasurer, instituting and inspecting Beni Kedem Temple.....	29 70	
"	26	137	B. W. Rowell, Imp. Recorder, on account salary, \$200.00, postage \$8.86, telegram 40c	209 26	
1897.					
Jan.	5	138	F. G. Teed, instituting El Zaribah Temple, Phoenix.....	55 80	
"	5	139	E. B. Stillings & Co., printing bill, Dec. 28.....	155 48	
"	26	140	B. W. Rowell, Imp. Recorder, account salary \$200.00, postage \$13.70, express \$1.00, stationery \$10.25.....	224 95	

1897.		By Warrant No.			
Feb.	15	141	Harrison Dingman, Imp. Potentate, on account Contingent Fund.....	\$200 00	
"	15	142	B. W. Rowell, Imp. Recorder, exp. Imp. Potentate, \$42.35, rec. \$62.65, Detroit.....	104 35	
"	26	143	B. W. Rowell, Imp. Recorder, on account salary \$200, postage \$9.91, telegram \$1.75.....	211 66	
March	25	144	B. W. Rowell, Imp. Recorder, on account salary \$200, postage \$2.67.....	202 67	
April	16	145	E. B. Stillings & Co., printing bill Jan. 11 to April 6,	245 50	
"	24	146	B. W. Rowell, Imp. Recorder, on account salary \$200, express, telegrams, postage, \$11.02.....	211 02	
"	24	147	W. S. Brown, Imp. Treasurer, on account salary for year.....	200 00	
May	5	148	Harrison Dingman, Imp. Potentate on account Contingent Fund.....	200 00	
"	21	149	Chas. G. Braxmar, 200 Bronze Badges, Imperial Council	140 00	
"	31	150	B. W. Rowell, Imp. Recorder, on account salary two months, \$400; telegrams, postage, ex- press, \$13.64.....	413 64	
"	31		Error War. No. 110, H. K. Blanchard, check for differ- ence.....	17	
			Balance	9,284 49	
			Total	\$25,033 03	

RECAPITULATION.

Balance on hand from last audit.....	\$9,802 22
Cash received from Recorder from Receipts 88 to 154 each inclusive.....	15,179 16
Interest on deposit, First National Bank.....	51 65
Total	\$25,033 03

DISBURSEMENTS.

From Warrants No. 107 to 150 each inclusive.....	15,748 54
Balance on hand June 1, 1897.....	9,284 49
	\$25,033 03

All of which is respectfully submitted by

Your Imperial Treasurer,

WILLIAM S. BROWN.

The report was ordered referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

RECESS.

By vote a recess was ordered until 9.30 o'clock, Wednesday, June 9, 1897.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1897.

10.15 A.M.

The Imperial Council was called to order by the Imperial Potentate and business proceeded with at 10.15 A.M.

**COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING OF THE
TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION.**

The Imperial Potentate announced the Committee on Time and Place of Next Session

Noble GEORGE H. WALKER, Washington, D.C.
Noble CLARENCE E. STUMP, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Noble ED R. HARRIS, Detroit, Mich.
Noble LLOYD BOOTH, Youngstown, Ohio.
Noble WALTER S. LIDDELL, Charlotte, N.C.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PAY
OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council.

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem would respectfully recommend that the representatives to the Imperial Council be paid mileage at the rate of six cents per mile for one way travelled, to be computed by the shortest route, and a per diem allowance of ten dollars for two days, and an extra allowance of ten dollars to each member of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

The official list of representatives present is now in the hands of the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. JOHNSTON.
E. J. MARTIN.
FRED PLEASANTS.
JOS. W. SMITH.
GEO. M. TITUS.

*Pay-Roll and Report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem of the Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S.,
held at Detroit, Mich., June 8 and 9, 1897.*

REPRESENTATIVE.	TEMPLE.	LOCATION.	Miles Travelled.	Amount of Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total Mil'ge and per Diem.	Amount Paid Imp. Council.	Amount due Repr's'tive.	Amount paid Repr's'tive.	Total.
Atwood, John H.	Abdallah	Leavenworth, Kan.	775	30 00	20 00	50 00	150 00		50 00	
Freling, Peter J.	"	"	775	30 00	20 00	50 00			50 00	
Rebsamen, Charles F.	"	"	775	30 00	20 00	50 00		150 00	50 00	
Street, George L.	Acca	Richmond, Va.	777	46 62	20 00	66 62	150 00		66 62	
Pleasants, Fred	"	"	777	46 62	20 00	66 62		133 24	66 62	
Moore, Francis M.	Ahmed	Marquette, Mich.	449	26 94	20 00	46 94	78 00	46 94	46 94	
McCune, John P.	Aladdin	Columbus, Ohio.	184	11 04	20 00	31 04	202 00		31 04	
Joseph, William E.	"	"	184	11 04	20 00	31 04		62 08	31 04	
Coffin, Harry E.	Al Chymia	Memphis, Tenn.	711	42 66	20 00	62 66	93 00	62 66	62 66	
Rowell, Benjamin W.	Aleppo	Boston, Mass.	750	45 00	20 00	65 00	907 00		65 00	
Fox, James A.	"	"	750	45 00	20 00	65 00			65 00	
Spring, Frederick H.	"	"	750	45 00	20 00	65 00			65 00	
Saunders, Caleb	"	"	750	45 00	30 00	75 00		270 00	75 00	
Frank, Henry L.	Algeria	Helena, Mont.	1822	43 00	20 00	63 00	63 00	63 00	63 00	
Sloan, Archibald N.	Alhambra	Chattanooga, Tenn.	540	32 40	20 00	52 40	60 00	52 40	52 40	
	Al Kader	Portland, Ore.					32 50			
Noble, Louis J.	Al Koran	Cleveland, Ohio.	178	10 68	20 00	30 68	314 00		30 68	
Harris, Neville S.	"	"	178	10 68	20 00	30 68			30 68	
Wallace, Robert	"	"	178	10 68	20 00	30 68			30 68	
Booth, Lloyd	"	"	178			30 68			30 68	
Briggs, Sam (<i>ad vitam</i>)	"	"	178	10 68	20 00	30 68		153 40	30 68	
Pendelton, Cornelius W.	Al Malaikah	Los Angeles, Cal.	2537	137 00	20 00	157 00	157 00	157 00	157 00	
Dingman, Harrison	Almas	Washington, D.C.	668	23 00	20 00	43 00	172 00		43 00	
Walker, George H.	"	"	668	23 00	20 00	43 00			43 00	
Standiford, Harry	"	"	668	23 00	20 00	43 00			43 00	
Thomas, Frank H.	"	"	668	23 00	30 00	53 00		182 00	53 00	
Allen, Ethelbert F.	Ararat	Kansas City, Mo.	706	25 12	20 00	45 12	180 50		45 12	
Shanklin, Arnold	"	"	706	25 12	20 00	45 12			45 12	
Havens, J. D.	"	"	706	25 12	20 00	45 12			45 12	
Morrow, Thomas R.	"	"	706	25 12	20 00	45 12		180 50	45 12	
Bell, William H.	Ben Hur	Austin, Texas.	1419	38 00	20 00	58 00	58 00	58 00	58 00	

Starr, George W.	Boumi	Baltimore, Md.	654	21 66	20 00	41 66	125 00	41 66
Cunningham, W. J.	"	"	654	21 66	20 00	41 66		41 66
Hatter, Charles W.	"	"	654	21 66	20 00	41 66	125 00	41 66
Bishop, Thomas J.	Cyprus	Albany, N.Y.	601	36 06	20 00	56 06	107 00	56 06
Loder, George F.	Damascus	Rochester, N.Y.	321	16 33	20 00	36 33	109 00	36 33
Clark, Morris F.	"	"	321	16 33	20 00	36 33		36 33
Haskell, Norman F.	"	"	321	16 33	20 00	36 33	109 00	36 33
McGaffey, Albert B.	El Jebel	Denver, Colo.	1310	65 00	20 00	85 00	170 00	85 00
Vick Roy, A. F.	"	"	1310	65 00	30 00	95 00		95 00
Clark, Gardner S.	El Kalah	Salt Lake City, U.	1845	52 00	20 00	72 00	72 00	72 00
Brown, Austin D.	El Kahir	Cedar Rapids, Mich.	492	29 52	20 00	49 52	406 00	49 52
Rizer, M. S.	"	"	492	29 52	20 00	49 52		49 52
Ball, George W.	"	"	492	29 52	20 00	49 52		49 52
Clark, E. E.	"	"	492	29 52	20 00	49 52		49 52
Gilles, John A.	El Zagal	Fargo, N.D.	958	26 33	20 00	46 33	139 00	46 33
Kleinogel, Thomas	"	"	958	26 33	20 00	46 33		46 33
Geary, Hamilton W.	"	"	958	26 33	20 00	46 33		46 33
Martin, E. J.	Hamasa	Meridian, Miss.	891	53 46	20 00	73 46	120 00	73 46
Green, George H.	Hella	Dallas, Tex.	1120	32 33	20 00	52 33	157 00	52 33
Garrity, James	"	"	1120	32 33	20 00	52 33		52 33
Hunter, John G.	"	"	1120	32 33	20 00	52 33	157 00	52 33
Ellison, Luke	India	Oklahoma City, O.T.	1064	58 00	20 00	78 00	78 00	78 00
Raeder, William L.	Irem	Wilkes Barre, Pa.	530	31 80	20 00	51 80	157 00	51 80
Osborne, Stephen J.	Isis	Salina, Kan.	928	18 66	20 00	38 66	116 00	38 66
Wellington, Edward W.	"	"	928	18 66	20 00	38 66		38 66
Watson, Winfield W.	"	"	928	18 66	20 00	38 66		38 66
Gray, John H.	Islam	San Francisco, Cal.	2000	120 00	20 00	140 00	217 00	140 00
Gilbert, Frank T.	Ismailia	Buffalo, N.Y.	251	15 06	20 00	35 06	281 00	35 06
Brown, George L.	"	"	251	15 06	20 00	35 06		35 06
Knight, Erastus C.	"	"	251	15 06	20 00	35 06	105 18	35 06
Lambert, Richard	Jerusalem	New Orleans, La.	1200	32 00	20 00	52 00	52 00	52 00
Darling, Cyrus T.	Kaaba	Davenport, Ia.	455	27 30	20 00	47 30	420 10	47 30
Soller, John	"	"	455	27 30	20 00	47 30		47 30
Titus, George M.	"	"	455	27 30	20 00	47 30		47 30
Hoyt, John	"	"	455	27 30	20 00	47 30	189 20	47 30
Knowles, Edwin	Kismet	Brooklyn, N.Y.	743	30 70	20 00	50 70	202 80	50 70
Stump, Clarence E.	"	"	743	30 70	20 00	50 70		50 70
Mason, Frank C.	"	"	743	30 70	20 00	50 70		50 70
Perry, Charles F.	"	"	743	30 70	20 00	50 70	202 00	50 70
Babbitt, J. Frank	Kora	Lewiston, Me.	840	50 40	20 00	70 40	322 10	70 40
Libby, Chas. E.	"	"	840	50 40	20 00	70 40	140 80	70 40
Davis, John C.	Korein	Rawlins, Wyo.	1350	81 00	30 00	121 00	137 20	121 00

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Ryan, William	Kosair	Louisville, Ky.	373	22 38	20 00	42 38	114 00		42 38	
Johnson, Frank H.	"	"	373	22 38	20 00	42 38		84 76	42 38	
Jordan, Edward B.	Lu Lu	Philadelphia, Pa.	680	40 80	20 00	60 80	734 00		60 80	
Leibrandt, Fred	"	"	680	40 80	20 00	60 80			60 80	
Shaffer, Phillip C.	"	"	680	40 80	20 00	60 80			60 80	
Woodward, Arthur H.	"	"	680	40 80	20 00	60 80		243 20	60 80	
Millar, George W.	Mecca	New York, N.Y.	743	44 58	20 00	64 58	571 00		64 58	
McGee, James	"	"	743	44 58	20 00	64 58			64 58	
Ellison, Saram R.	"	"	743	44 58	20 00	64 58			64 58	
Peters, Augustus W.	"	"	743	44 58	20 00	64 58		258 32	64 58	
Eggleston, Danford G.	Media	Watertown, N.Y.	440	23 33	20 00	43 33	130 00		43 33	
McConnell, J. A.	"	"	440	23 33	20 00	43 33			43 33	
Day, Lewis W.	"	"	440	23 33	20 00	43 33		130 00	43 33	
Johnson, Robert M.	Medinah	Chicago, Ill.	272	16 32	20 00	36 32	540 00		36 32	
Johnston, William	"	"	272	16 32	20 00	36 32			36 32	
Roundy, Frank C.	"	"	272	16 32	20 00	36 32			36 32	
Campbell, Frank W.	"	"	272	16 32	20 00	36 32		145 28	36 32	
Henthorne, George F.	Mohammed	Peoria, Ill.	427	25 62	20 00	45 62	157 50	45 62	45 62	
Van Deventer, Olin E.	Moila	St. Joseph, Mo.	753	45 18	20 00	65 18	147 50		65 18	
Calder, George	"	"	753	45 18	20 00	65 18			65 18	
Smith, Fred'k A.	Moolah	St. Louis, Mo.	481	20 25	20 00	40 25	161 00		40 25	
Mathews, Geo. T.	"	"	481	20 25	20 00	40 25			40 25	
Laird, John A.	"	"	481	20 25	20 00	40 25			40 25	
Granger, Charles H.	"	"	481	20 25	20 00	40 25		161 00	40 25	
Baird, Irving E.	Morocco	Jacksonville, Fla.	090	26 00	20 00	46 00	46 00	46 00	46 00	
Beck, Charles F.	Moslem	Detroit, Mich.	1000		20 00	20 00	349 00		20 00	
Bailey, William M.	"	"	000		20 00	20 00			20 00	
Harris, Edward R.	"	"	000		20 00	20 00			20 00	
Fowle, George F.	"	"	000		20 00	20 00		80 00	20 00	
Hibbard, Edwin O.	Mount Sinai	Montpeller, Vt.	685	41 10	20 00	61 10	204 00		61 10	

Flanders, George F.	Mount Sinai	Montpellier, Vt.	685	41 10	20 00	61 10			61 10
Paige, Austin D.			685	41 10	20 00	61 10		183 30	61 10
Schmidt, William H.	Murat	Indianapolis, Ind.	285	17 10	20 00	37 10	497 50		37 10
Smith, Joseph W.	"	"	285	17 10	20 00	37 10			37 10
Brown, Chalmers	"	"	286	17 10	20 00	37 10			37 10
Hawkins, Roscoe O.	"	"	285	17 10	20 00	37 10		148 40	37 10
Freeman, J. W.	Naja	Deadwood, S.D.	1426	16 20	20 00	36 20	36 20		36 20
Liddell, Walter S.	Oasis	Charlotte, N.C.	1005	60 30	20 00	80 30	106 00	80 30	80 30
Schneider, Henry	Oriental	Troy, N.Y.	559	33 54	20 00	53 54	257 50		53 54
Smith, Charles H.	"	"	559	33 54	20 00	53 54			53 54
Crutchley, John H.	"	"	559	33 54	20 00	53 54			53 54
Smith, Thomas T.	"	"	559	33 54	20 00	53 54		214 16	53 54
Rice, Frederick E.	Osman	St. Paul, Minn.	674	40 44	20 00	60 44	124 00		60 44
Chamberlain, J. W.	"	"	674	40 44	20 00	60 44		120 88	60 44
Irwin, W. W.	Osiris	Wheeling, W. Va.	330	19 33	20 00	29 33	88 00		29 33
Wolff, Matthew R.	"	"	330	19 33	20 00	29 33			29 33
Van Winkle, W. W.	"	"	330	19 33	20 00	29 33		87 99	29 33
Blanchard, Horace K.	Palestine	Providence, R.I.	798	47 88	20 00	67 88	192 00		67 88
Anthony, Albert L.	"	"	798	47 88	20 00	67 88		135 76	67 88
Beecher, Thad B.	Pyramid	Bridgeport, Conn.	799	46 25	20 00	66 25	265 00		66 25
Stirling, Hugh	"	"	799	46 25	20 00	66 25			66 25
Hoadley, Carleton E.	"	"	799	46 25	20 00	66 25			66 25
Ware, Charles B.	"	"	799	46 25	20 00	66 25		265 00	66 25
Rake, James L.	Rajah	Reading, Pa.	682	38 33	20 00	58 33	175 00		58 33
Keiser, Harry P.	"	"	682	38 33	20 00	58 33			58 33
Jost, J. William	"	"	682	38 33	20 00	58 33		175 00	58 33
Collins, Henry A.	Rameses	Toronto, Can.	235	14 10	20 00	34 10	112 00	34 10	34 10
Marsh, John T.	Sahara	Pine Bluff, Ark.	809	17 00	20 00	37 00	37 00	37 00	37 00
Winsor, Lou B.	Saladin	Grand Rapids, Mich.	153	9 18	20 00	29 18	283 00		29 18
Fink, Charles E.	"	"	153	9 18	20 00	29 18			29 18
Peake, A. F.	"	"	153	9 18	20 00	29 18			29 18
Sinclair, George F.	"	"	153	9 18	20 00	29 18		116 72	29 18
Peck, Rial S.	Sphinx	Hartford, Conn.	791	47 46	20 00	67 46	278 50		67 46
May, Frank D.	"	"	791	47 46	20 00	67 46			67 46
Simmons, William G.	"	"	791	47 46	20 00	67 46		202 38	67 46
Green, DeForrest E.	Sesostris	Lincoln, Neb.	814	48 84	20 00	68 84	123 00	68 84	68 84
Brown, William S.	Syria	Pittsburgh, Pa.	321	19 26	20 00	39 26	278 00		39 26
Walker, William H.	"	"	321	19 26	20 00	39 26			39 26
Holmes, Americus V.	"	"	321	19 26	20 00	39 26			39 26
Hudson, T. J. (<i>ad vitam</i>)	"	"	321	19 26	20 00	39 26		157 04	39 26
Bromwell, Jacob H.	Syrian	Cincinnati, O.	262	15 72	20 00	35 72	444 50		35 72
Buchwalter, Morris H.	"	"	262	15 72	20 00	35 72			35 72

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Goodale, Levi C.	Syrian	Cincinnati, O.	262	15 72	20 00	35 72			35 72	
Andrews, Allen	"	" "	262	15 72	20 00	35 72			35 72	
Melish, W. B. (<i>ad vitam</i>)	"	" "	262	15 72	30 00	45 72		188 60	45 72	
Akin, Henry C.	Tangier	Omaha, Neb.	785	11 75	20 00	31 75	127 00		31 75	
Anderson, Gustave	"	" "	785	11 75	20 00	31 75			31 75	
Hardy, Henry	"	" "	785	11 75	20 00	31 75			31 75	
Rahm, John B.	"	" "	785	11 75	20 00	31 75			31 75	
Atkinson, George R.	Tebala	Rockford, Ill.	385	23 10	20 00	43 10	84 00	127 00	43 10	
Cauty, Luther L.	Tripoli	Milwaukee, Wis.	370	22 20	20 00	42 20	152 00		42 20	
Brazier, W. H.	"	" "	370	22 20	20 00	42 20			42 20	
Reckmeyer, William	"	" "	370	22 20	20 00	42 20			42 20	
Blinn, George A., Jr.	Zamora	Birmingham, Ala.	706	42 36	20 00	62 36	73 00	126 60	62 36	
Kennedy, Sam B.	Zem Zem	Erie, Pa.	273	16 38	20 00	36 38	261 00	62 36	36 38	
Bassett, Frank J.	"	" "	273	16 38	20 00	36 38			36 38	
Kerr, Willis W.	"	" "	273	16 38	20 00	36 38			36 38	
Cloher, William H., Jr.	Ziyara	Utica, N.Y.	453	17 50	20 00	37 50	150 00	109 14	37 50	
Jones, John B.	"	" "	453	17 50	20 00	37 50			37 50	
Frank, George D.	"	" "	453	17 50	20 00	37 50			37 50	
Scheebl, Jacob	"	" "	453	17 50	20 00	37 50			37 50	
Schlener, John A.	Zuhrah	Minneapolis, Minn.	709	42 54	20 00	62 54	280 00	150 00	62 54	
Hudson, J. B.	"	" "	709	42 54	20 00	62 54			62 54	
Paris, A. W.	"	" "	709	42 54	20 00	62 54			62 54	
Kilvington, S. S.	"	" "	709	42 54	20 00	62 54		250 16	62 54	
		Totals,		4932 06	3360 00	8322 06	13932 60	8322 06	8322 06	47230 84

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSACTIONS OF THE IMPERIAL OFFICERS.

To the Imperial Council :

Your committee to whom was referred the Imperial Potentate's address, submit the following report :—

We congratulate most heartily each and every Noble for their assistance during the past year, and especially the Imperial Potentate as the guiding star which has tended to the prosperity of our Order.

We would recommend that so much of the address as relates to charters and dispensations, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That all matters pertaining to decisions, jurisprudence and laws be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We recommend to the notice of all representatives and their Temples the part relating to charities, and we express the hope that like interest may be taken in this important subject by all.

We note with much pleasure that no grievance existed during the past year among the Nobles, and the Committee on Grievances and Appeals can lie to other tents.

And may Allah, the God of Mohammedan, the God of our Fathers, support and direct us to continued prosperity.

LUTHER L. CAUFY.
SARAM R. ELLISON.
RIAL S. PECK.
J. LEW RAKE.

On motion the reports of these committees were accepted and approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion of Noble Levi C. Goodale of Syrian Temple the election of officers was ordered.

TELLERS APPOINTED.

The Imperial appointed as Tellers of Election :—

Noble JAMES MCGEE, Mecca Temple.
Noble FREDERICK H. SPRING, Aleppo Temple.
Noble GEORGE H. STREET, Acca Temple.

Noble Allen Andrews nominated for Imperial Potentate Noble Albert B. McGaffey and on motion the list was closed.

The Tellers reported that the whole number of votes cast was 128; necessary for choice 65, of which Noble Harrison Dingman had 1, Noble James McGee had 2, Noble George F. Loder had 3, Noble Albert B. McGaffey had 122 and was declared elected. Noble McGaffey accepted the office with thanks to the members of the Imperial Council.

Noble George W. Millar nominated for Imperial Deputy Potentate Noble Ethelbert F. Allen and the list was declared closed.

The whole number of votes cast was 123; necessary for choice 62.

Noble Albert B. McGaffey had 1, Noble George W. Millar had 1, Noble John H. Atwood had 4, Noble Ethelbert F. Allen had 117 and was declared elected. Noble Allen accepted the office.

Noble Morris L. Buchwalter nominated for Imperial Chief Rabban, Noble John H. Atwood.

The whole number of votes cast was 120, necessary for a choice, 61.

Noble John A. Schlener had 1, Noble John H. Atwood had 119 and was declared elected. Noble Atwood, in his well known manner, accepted the office, receiving the plaudits of the Nobles at the conclusion of his remarks.

Noble James McGee nominated for Imperial Assistant Rabban, Noble Philip C. Shaffer.

Noble William B. Melish nominated Noble John A. Schlener.

Noble A. F. Peake nominated Noble Lou B. Winsor.

Noble Ed. R. Harris nominated Noble Charles F. Beck.

Noble Shaffer addressed the Imperial Council, defining his position as in favor of regular promotion of officers and declined to have his name used for the office of Imperial Assistant Rabban.

The whole number of votes cast was 143, necessary for choice 74.

Noble John H. Atwood had 1, Noble Allen Andrews had 2, Noble Philip C. Shaffer had 3, Noble John A. Schlener had 18, Noble Charles F. Beck had 19, Noble Lou B. Winsor had 100 and was declared elected and accepted the office.

Noble Henry Hardy nominated for Imperial High Priest and Prophet, Noble Henry C. Akin.

Noble J. W. Chamberlin nominated Noble John A. Schlener.

Noble E. B. Jordan nominated Noble Philip C. Shaffer.

Noble John A. Schlener declined to have his name used for the office and the Tellers announced the number of votes cast as 143, choice 73.

Noble Charles F. Beck had 2, Noble Henry C. Aiken had 59, Noble Philip C. Shaffer had 84 and was declared elected. Noble Shaffer heartily thanked the Nobles and accepted the office.

Noble Allen Andrews nominated for Imperial Oriental Guide Noble Henry C. Akin.

Noble James McGee nominated Noble Allen Andrews.

Noble Thomas J. Hudson nominated Noble Henry A. Collins.

The whole number of votes cast was 141; choice 71.

Noble Allen Andrews had 8, Noble Henry A. Collins had 41, Noble Henry C. Akin had 92 and was declared elected and Noble Akin accepted the office.

Noble William B. Melish nominated for Imperial Treasurer Noble William S. Brown and the list was closed.

The whole number of votes cast was 86, all of which were for Noble William S. Brown and he was declared elected and accepted the office.

Noble Saram R. Ellison nominated for Imperial Recorder Noble Benjamin W. Rowell and the list was ordered closed.

The whole number of votes cast was 99, all of which were for Noble Benjamin W. Rowell and he was declared elected and accepted the office.

PARTIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws submitted a partial report as follows:—

DETROIT, MICH., June 9, 1897.

To the Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S.:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, to whom was referred the By-Laws of Temples, beg to report:—

Regarding the amendments to By-Laws of Kaaba Temple, we recommend the same be approved, with the exception of the words "from the date of his election to the office" in Line 4, Article IV., Section 10, which words we recommend be stricken out.

ZAMORA TEMPLE BY-LAWS.

We recommend the approval of the By-Laws of Zamora Temple with the following changes:—

Article II., Section 3, add, "Due notice having been given."

Article IV., Section 1, strike out the words, "As soon thereafter as possible," and insert in lieu thereof, "At the first succeeding session."

Article IV., Section 4, strike out the words, "Or by appointment by the Illustrious Potentate until the next annual session."

Add the following as Article XIII., Section 1: "Proposed alterations or amendments to these By-Laws shall be submitted in writing at a stated session, and shall be referred to a special committee of two, to be appointed by the Illustrious Potentate, who shall report at the next stated session, when it shall require a two-thirds vote of all present to adopt the same."

Referring to the changes and additions to the Constitution and By Laws of El Kalah Temple, we recommend the same be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. B. MELISH,
CALEB SAUNDERS,
JOHN C. DAVIS,
FRANK H. THOMAS,
A. F. VICK ROY,

Committee.

On motion, the report was accepted and approved.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

DETROIT, MICH., June 9, 1897.

To the Imperial Council, N.M.S. :

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts report that they have carefully examined the books, vouchers and accounts of the Imperial Recorder and Treasurer and find them correct.

There has been collected from all sources to date of closing the accounts of the Imperial Recorder and Treasurer, the sum of \$15,179.16, to which add balance brought over from last year, \$9,802.22, making a grand total of \$25,033 03.

Disbursed on account of warrants No. 107 to 150, inclusive, \$15,748.54.

Balance in hands of Imperial Treasurer at time of closing the accounts as above, \$9,284.49, as shown by the certificate of cashier of First National Bank of Pittsburgh, submitted to the committee

The committee desire to express their pleasure with reference to the neatness and accuracy which they find in the books and accounts of the Imperial Recorder and Treasurer, which evidences a continuance of the competency and skill displayed by them heretofore.

Following the suggestion relating to our finances made by our Imperial Potentate in his address, and for the purpose of economizing in regard to our expenditures, we recommend that the salary of the Imperial Recorder for the incoming year be fixed at the sum of \$2,000.00, this to include office rent, clerical assistance and the engrossing of diplomas; this, it will be observed, is a reduction of \$400.00 from last year's salary.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation contained therein approved.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Noble Caleb Saunders offered the following, which was ordered referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws:—

I offer the following as an amendment to Section IX. of the Constitution.

Amend Section IX of the Constitution by striking out the last two lines thereof, namely: "He shall receive for his services the sum of one hundred dollars," and insert in place thereof the following words, "He shall receive for his services such compensation as the Imperial Council may from time to time designate."

CALEB SAUNDERS.

JEWEL FOR PAST IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

Noble Jacob H. Bromwell of Syrian Temple, offered the following, which was agreed to by a unanimous vote:—

Be it resolved; That the sum of \$500.00 be, and is hereby, appropriated for the purchase of a Past Imperial Potentate's jewel, to be procured and presented to Past Imperial Potentate Harrison Dingman, by a committee of three Nobles appointed by the Imperial Potentate elect, the same to be paid upon the order of the Chairman of the Committee approved by the Imperial Potentate.

The Imperial Potentate appointed as the committee, Jacob H. Bromwell of Syrian, James McGee of Mecca and Harry Standiford of Almas Temples.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations then submitted their report as follows:—

*To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council,
A.A.O.N.M.S.:*

Your Committee on Dispensations and Charters, having carefully considered all matters brought before them, would present the following report:—

1. Dispensation having been granted at the last session of the Imperial Council to Beni Kedem Temple, Charleston, W. Va., we recommend that a charter be granted.

2. Your committee deem it for the best interests of the Order, that the prayer for dispensation from the Nobles residing at or near

Springfield, Mass., under the name of Melha Temple, be granted, with the jurisdiction confined to Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties.

3. Your committee also recommend the granting of a dispensation to form and open a Temple at Dayton, Ohio, to be known as Antioch Temple, with such jurisdiction in the State of Ohio as their representatives and the representatives of Syrian, Al Koran and Aladdin Temples have agreed upon in writing, same being filed with this report

4. Your committee further recommend, after full investigation, the granting of a charter to Alec Temple, U.D., located at Savannah, Ga.

5. Dispensation having been granted by the Imperial Council at its last annual session to organize El Korah Temple at Boise City, Idaho, which the Nobles of Boise City have been unable to open through no lack of zeal on their part, and inasmuch as Section 3, Article XIII. of the Constitution, provides that "No dispensation shall be continued if granted more than six months prior to any regular session of the Imperial Council," your committee would respectfully recommend that this Imperial Council take such action as is necessary to comply with the recommendations of the Imperial Potentate as expressed in his annual report.

6. After due consideration of matters pertaining to the petition for a dispensation to organize a Temple, to be located at Charleston, S.C., your committee would recommend that the prayer to the petitioners be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP C. SHAFFER,
CHAS. B. WARE,
HENRY SCHNEIDER,
J. W. CHAMBERLIN,

Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

AGREEMENT OF JURISDICTION OF TEMPLES LOCATED IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

DETROIT, MICH., June 8, 1897.

The undersigned committee, representing Syrian Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, located at Cincinnati, Ohio, Aladdin Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, located at Columbus, Ohio, and Al Koran-Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, located at Cleveland, Ohio, having had under consideration the matter of jurisdiction over the territorial limits of Ohio for the various Temples now located therein, of the establishment of a new Temple duly authorized by the Imperial Council of North America, at its meeting in Detroit on June 7, 8 and 9, 1897, to be located

at Dayton, Ohio, and designated and known as Yad-Not Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Dayton, Ohio, hereby arrange and consent that the jurisdiction for said Temples within Ohio shall be as follows:—

Syrian Temple to be assigned concurrent jurisdiction with Antioch Temple of Dayton, Ohio, over the following named counties:—

Williams, Fulton, Defiance, Henry, Wood, Paulding, Putnam, Hancock, Van Wert, Allen, Mercer, Auglaize, Shelby, Darke, Miami, Logan, Champaign, Clarke, Greene, Preble, Fayette, Butler, Warren, Clinton, Clermont, Highland, Brown, Adams, Scioto, Pike, Ross, Vinton, Jackson, Lawrence, Gallia, Meigs and Athens, and concurrent jurisdiction with Al Koran and Antioch Temples over Lucas County, and exclusive jurisdiction over Hamilton County.

Al Koran Temple to be assigned exclusive jurisdiction over the following named counties:—

Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, Wyandot, Crawford, Erie, Huron, Richland, Ashland, Loraine, Medina, Wayne, Cuyahoga, Summit, Stark, Lake, Geauga, Portage, Ashtabula, Trumbull, Mahoning, Columbiana, Carroll and Holmes, and concurrent jurisdiction with Syrian and Antioch Temples over Lucas County.

Aladdin Temple to be assigned exclusive jurisdiction over the following named counties:—

Hardin, Marion, Union, Madison, Morrow, Delaware, Franklin, Pickaway, Knox, Licking, Fairfield, Hocking, Perry, Coshocton, Muskingum, Tuscarawas, Guernsey, Belmont, Jefferson, Harrison, Morgan, Noble, Monroe and Washington.

Antioch Temple of Dayton, Ohio, to be assigned concurrent jurisdiction with Syrian Temple of Cincinnati over the following named counties:—

Williams, Fulton, Defiance, Henry, Wood, Paulding, Putnam, Hancock, Van Wert, Allen, Mercer, Auglaize, Shelby, Darke, Miami, Logan, Champaign, Clarke, Greene, Preble, Fayette, Butler, Warren, Clinton, Clermont, Highland, Brown, Adams, Scioto, Pike, Ross, Vinton, Jackson, Lawrence, Gallia, Meigs, Athens, and concurrent jurisdiction with Al Koran and Syrian Temples over Lucas County, with exclusive jurisdiction over Montgomery County.

Syrian Temple being located at Cincinnati, Ohio, Al Koran Temple at Cleveland, Ohio, Aladdin Temple at Columbus, Ohio, and Antioch Temple at Dayton, Ohio.

Aladdin Temple of Columbus, Ohio, concedes jurisdiction to Al Koran Temple in the following named counties: Carroll and Holmes.

This arrangement and subdivision of territory is only intended to modify and change the contract and agreement between Aladdin Temple,

Al Koran Temple and Syrian Temple, made on the 30th day of December, 1893, in the particulars and in the division of territory as hereinbefore named and specifically set forth, and said arrangement is to continue and be in full force and operate upon all the Temples in Ohio, save and except as the same may be modified or changed by the contract and agreement hereinbefore set forth.

WM. B. MELISH,
ALLEN ANDREWS,
MORRIS L. BUCHWALTER,
J. H. BROMWELL,

On behalf of Syrian Temple.

SAM BRIGGS,

On behalf of Al Koran Temple.

JNO. P. McCUNE,
G. H. BIRGESS,
W. E. JOSEPH,

On behalf of Aladdin Temple.

Committee from Dayton, Ohio.

J. R. KING,

W. BELVILLE,

JNO. R. FLETCHER,

Representing Antioch Temple.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The Committee on Time and Place submitted their report as follows, and by vote the report was accepted and the recommendation approved and agreed to.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council:

Your committee appointed to recommend the time and place for the next Annual Session of this Imperial Council, respectfully report that they have received an invitation from but one point, namely, Dallas, Texas. The great distance of that oasis from the large majority of Temples represented in this Imperial Council makes us pause to recommend so long a trip, but we recognize the fact that the nobility have never hitherto convened in a Southern city, and in response to the solicitation of a number of the members who have appeared before us we recommend that the Annual Session of 1898 be held in Dallas, Texas, and that the time be fixed for the second Tuesday in June.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. WALKER,
CLARENCE E. STUMP,
L. BOOTH,
E. R. HARRIS,
W. L. LIDDELL.

SUSPENSION OF SALAAM TEMPLE OF OLNEY, ILL.

The Imperial Potentate stated that Salaam Temple, situated at Olney, Ill., having failed to make their annual returns to the Imperial Recorder within the time prescribed by the Constitution, and none having been received at this session, he should be compelled, under the law, to declare the Temple and its members suspended from all the rights and privileges of the Order until the next session of the Imperial Council; and Salaam Temple was declared suspended until the next session of this Imperial Council in 1898.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Noble Thomas R. Morrow offered the following:—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Imperial Council be expended to the Nobles of Moslem Temple, the citizens of the city of Detroit, the Mayor of this city and the Governor of this State, for the elegant entertainment furnished us during our stay in this city; and it was unanimously agreed to, the Nobles standing.

On motion of Noble Allen Andrews, so much of the Annual Address of the Imperial Potentate as relates to Finances, etc., of this Imperial Council, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, and it was so ordered.

PARTIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws submitted the following, which was unanimously accepted and approved:—

To the Imperial Council:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, to whom was referred questions of law, beg to report:—

In regard to the whole subject matter of regulations regarding visiting Nobles, as suggested in the address of the Imperial Potentate, and the amendment submitted in the call for the session of the Imperial Council, the committee have given the matter careful consideration, and beg to recommend that the standing resolution regarding visiting Nobles, as printed on page 19 of the Constitution, be rescinded, and that the following be adopted as an amendment to the Constitution, *viz.*:—

REGULATIONS REGARDING VISITING NOBLES.

A Noble cannot visit any other Temple than his own, except he exhibit to the Temple which he desires to visit a certificate, signed by the Recorder of his own Temple and bearing the seal thereof, that such

Noble is in good and regular standing. Such certificate shall be in effect only during the year in which it is dated. The form of the certificate shall be uniform in all Temples, as follows :—

..... Temple,
 A. A. O. N. M. S. of.....
 This is to certify that Noble.....
 is a member of..... Temple, and declared to be in
 good and regular standing during the year 189.....
 Dated the..... day of....., 189.....
 [SEAL].....
 Signature of Member. Recorder.

DECISIONS OF THE IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

We have carefully considered the several decisions of the Imperial Potentate as reported in his address.

In the matter of the refunder of \$100 of the dispensation fee paid by Sphinx Temple of Hartford, Conn., and a like amount of the fee paid by El Zaribah Temple of Phoenix, Ariz., the same being in accordance with the law existing when the fees were paid into the Imperial Council, but which law has since been changed, we find the action of the Imperial Potentate to be in accordance with the equities in the cases, and recommend that it be approved.

Regarding the change in the form of the petition for affiliation, we agree with the Imperial Potentate in regard to the advisability of making a change, and recommend the adoption of the following as the form for a

PETITION FOR AFFILIATION.

*To the Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Members of.....
 Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine:*

The undersigned, a regular Noble of the Mystic Shrine, initiated in..... Temple, stationed at....., and last a member of..... Temple, held at....., as may be seen by the enclosed certificate of demit, respectfully prays that he may be admitted a member of your Temple. He further states that he has not been suspended or expelled in either of the Orders prerequisite to membership in the Shrine since the date of issuing the demit presented herewith.

Signature,.....
 Profession.....
 Age.....
 Residence.....
 Recommended by.....

Regarding the right of unaffiliated Nobles to visit Temples after being non-affiliated a year or more, the adoption of the new regulation regarding visiting Nobles obviates the necessity of other action at this time.

The decision of the Imperial Potentate forbidding public installations of officers of subordinate Temples, was doubtless a correct interpretation of the law as now expressed in Article XXXII., page 15, of the Constitution. We can see no harm, however, in the public installation of officers under proper circumstances, and with appropriate ceremonies. On the contrary, your committee are of the opinion that such installations may be made the occasion of social intercourse, and prove of lasting benefit to the Order.

We therefore recommend that Article XXXII. of the Constitution, relating to election and installation of officers, be amended so as to read as follows:—

“Each Temple shall annually elect its officers and its Representative or Representatives to the Imperial Council at a stated session, to be held in December, and the installation of officers shall take place immediately, or at its first succeeding session. If a public installation of officers be deemed desirable, the officers elect must take the oath of office in the body of the Temple when properly guarded, and prior to the public ceremonies of installation. Should it be impossible to hold the election as required above, a special dispensation to hold said election must be obtained from the Imperial Potentate. In the event of the resignation of any officer or representative, the Temple may elect a successor without special dispensation for that purpose, provided notice is given the members of the Temple that said election will be held.”

ZEM ZEM AND ISMAILIA TEMPLES.

In the case cited in which Ismailia Temple requested Zem Zem Temple to waive all rights over a candidate who had been rejected in Zem Zem Temple, but who had moved into the jurisdiction of Ismailia Temple and acquired a residence there of sufficient length of time to make him a legal resident, under our laws, of the territory of Ismailia Temple, we cannot agree with the Imperial Potentate in his suggestion that our laws should require a release from the Temple rejecting an applicant before his petition can be acted upon in another Temple. It would not do to give perpetual jurisdiction to a Temple over rejected candidates who have removed from its jurisdiction.

In the case cited Ismailia Temple was not required to ask consent or a waiver of Zem Zem Temple, inasmuch as the candidate, when rejected, was only disqualified from again presenting his petition for a period of

thirteen weeks, and having removed from the jurisdiction of Zem Zem Temple, that body had no further jurisdiction over him.

Every candidate, upon making application for the Order, states whether he has ever been previously rejected, and an answer in the affirmative is sufficient notice to the Temple receiving the petition to enable it to ascertain all the information necessary for it to have in order to act upon the petition.

We see no necessity for an amendment to our laws in regard to the matter, believing the points involved to be already covered by the Constitution.

CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws deem it within the scope of their duties to report to the Imperial Council such changes in the arrangement of the Constitution, Laws, Resolutions and forms as they think necessary for the good of the Order. In accordance with this view we suggest the following :—

Inasmuch as the Imperial Potentate each year appoints two committees which are not authorized by law, but sanctioned by custom, we recommend the addition to the list of committees as printed in Article XI. on pages 6 and 7 of the Constitution, the following :—

COMMITTEE ON TRANSACTIONS OF IMPERIAL OFFICERS.

To them shall be referred the annual addresses of the Imperial Potentate and Deputy Imperial Potentate for topical reference to various committees for their consideration.

COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

To them shall be referred the names and records of the Illustrious dead of the Order, that a fitting memorial may be made in our printed proceedings of the good deeds of those who have entered into the Unseen Temple.

We present for consideration Section 4 of Article XXXIV. of the Constitution, reading as follows :—

SECTION 4. All amendments to or alterations of the Constitution and Laws presented to the Imperial Council while in session, and which have not been published in the summons for that session, shall be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, who shall report upon them at the next session of the Imperial Council, when it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the Representatives present to adopt the same.

This section seems to postpone the consideration of all amendments of the Constitution presented during a session of the Imperial Council until the succeeding session, and is at variance with Section 1 of the same Article. We recommend that it be repealed.

Section 5 of Article XXXIV. has been printed as a resolution instead of a part of the Constitution. We recommend that it be made to read as follows, and that it be made Section 4 of Article XXXIV.:—

“SECTION 4. All amendments to the Constitution and Laws shall be reduced to writing. The entire section to be amended must be fully written out as the same will read with the proposed amendment incorporated therein.”

The following amendment is offered and appears in the call for this session

To amend Section 6 of Article III., so that it will read as follows:—

“Representatives shall be entitled to mileage and per diem expenses when in attendance at the sessions of the Imperial Council, and no Representative or Representatives, except Past Imperial Potentates, shall be entitled to mileage beyond seventy-five per cent of the aggregate amount paid to the Imperial Council for that year, by such Temple as he or they represent, and no deficiency shall be chargeable to a succeeding year.”

The purpose of this amendment is to change the law which now permits the payment of mileage and per diem to Representatives of Temples, provided the amount so paid is not in excess of the amounts paid in by said Temples during the fiscal year, and to pay back seventy-five (75) per cent only of the amounts so paid.

We believe that the adoption of the amendment would result in a smaller representation from the weaker Temples of the Order, and that it would leave some Temples without representation, unless they pay their representatives to attend the sessions of the Imperial Council. The representatives of large Temples would be paid all and more than their actual expenses, while the representatives of small Temples would receive only a portion of theirs. In our Order we believe it to be the duty of the Temples enjoying the larger incomes to aid in the fostering of the growth of the Order in places where it has been newly established. We therefore recommend that the amendment be rejected.

The report of the Committee was accepted and their recommendations approved.

PORTRAIT OF NOBLE JOSEPH S. WRIGHT.

On motion of Noble William B. Melish, the Imperial Recorder was directed to print with the proceedings of this session, the portrait of Past Imperial Treasurer Joseph S. Wright, of Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, Penn.

RECESS UNTIL TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion a recess was ordered until 2 o'clock P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour of 2.15 having arrived the Imperial Council was called to order by Imperial Potentate Harrison Dingman, and the business proceeded with.

PROCEEDINGS OF 1882 TO BE REPRINTED.

Noble Saram R. Ellison of Mecca Temple, offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Imperial Recorder be authorized to have reprinted two hundred copies of the proceedings of this Imperial Council for the year 1882, not to exceed a cost of over \$100.00, the edition having been long since exhausted, and there being a demand for copies of the same, and the Imperial Recorder to sell the same for a price of \$1.00 per copy, the proceeds of such sale to be turned over to the Imperial Treasury.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

DETROIT, MICH., June 9, 1897.

To the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America:

Your Committee on Necrology respectfully report that we should be truly grateful to our Heavenly Father for having dealt with us so kindly during the past year; but one of our past or present Imperial officers has been called from this earthly pilgrimage.

III. Noble Joseph S. Wright, Past Imperial Treasurer, after a long illness, died at Denver, Col., and has gone to the better world.

He was a true Noble, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He had been highly honored by the great Keystone State, having been made a Mason in Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, April 15, 1869. He received the Capitular degrees in Temple Chapter, No. 248, of which he was a Past High Priest; he was knighted in St. Alban Commandery, No. 47, in which he took an active interest, and prior to and after his election as Eminent Commander, served in many positions; he was a member of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, and in 1891 and 1892 served as Grand Commander; he was one of the founders of Lu Lu Temple, and served it for ten years as its Potentate. He was elected a representative to the Imperial Council, June 4, 1884, and was elected Imperial Treasurer, June 18, 1889, serving this Imperial Council with fidelity until the year 1894.

The remains of our Ill. Noble were conveyed from Denver to Philadelphia, and upon their arrival, were immediately taken to his home where they remained until Friday, June 4, when they were taken to Lu Lu Temple and laid in state from 12 o'clock noon until 2 o'clock p.m., during which time nearly two thousand of his brethren, comrades and personal friends filed past the bier for a last look at the face of the departed.

The services at the Temple were very impressive, and a remarkably eloquent and eulogistic address on the life and character of the deceased was delivered by Rev. C. T. Morgan.

The interior of Lu Lu Temple was draped with crape and many emblems of mourning, and the numerous and magnificent floral offerings testified to the love and esteem that his fraters held for him.

The ceremonies in the Temple being concluded, the remains were taken in charge by Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, and interred in Mount Peace Cemetery with Masonic ceremonies.

The brave heart has ceased to beat; the long and weary struggle for life has ended. Soothed in his last hours by the loving hands of a true and tender wife; solaced by the knowledge that many faithful friends in distant parts of the land were deeply sympathizing with him in his heroic combat, learning patience through suffering, filling his heart with love and gratitude for Knightly courtesies and fraternal affection bestowed upon him, our brother, we believe, was gently led into the green pastures and by the still waters of the heavenly world. At last, was given to him the Crown of Victory, while with him, we all are permitted to say: "*Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sed Nomine Tuo, da gloriam.*"

We recommend that a page be set apart in our proceedings to his memory, suitably inscribed.

We also recommend that the sympathy of this Imperial Council be and is hereby tendered to the Subordinate Temples, where death has entered their ranks.

Courteously submitted,

WILLIAM RYAN,
RICHARD LAMBERT,
GEORGE F. HENTHORNE,
ED. W. WELLINGTON,
EDWIN O. HIBBARD.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals submitted the following :

To the Imperial Council :

Your committee are pleased to report that owing to the harmony existing in the Order, nothing has been submitted to your committee requiring their attention or action.

We congratulate the Order on this exhibition of good fellowship and hope that the fraternal spirit will long continue.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. F. BECK,
GEORGE F. LODER,
MATTHEW R. WOLFF,
DEFORREST E. GREEN,
JOHN H. GRAY.

On motion the report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS—Continued.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws rendered their final report as follows :—

Among the standing resolutions (page 17 of the Constitution) is one which reads :—

“ *Resolved*, That hereafter the name and address and Masonic qualifications of all candidates rejected by subordinate Temples shall be forwarded each month to the Imperial Recorder, who shall, at the end of each month, mail to the Recorder of every Temple in the jurisdiction a printed list of such rejected candidates together with the name of the Temple rejecting them.”

This resolution is never complied with, is in our opinion improper legislation, and we recommend that the resolution be rescinded.

The standing resolution (page 18 of the Constitution) reading :—

“ Jurisdiction. (From report of Committee on Grievance; recommendation adopted.) In order that no Temple or Potentate may in future plead ignorance of Article XIV., Section 2; and in order that a suitable punishment may be inflicted for the violation of the above section, it shall be the duty of the Imperial Potentate to revoke the charter of any Temple violating the provisions of the section referred to until the next meeting of the Imperial Council,” should, in our opinion, be

made an amendment to Article XIV., Section 2, of the Constitution, and we recommend that the resolution as printed be rescinded, and that the following be added to Section 2 of Article XIV.

"It shall be the duty of the Imperial Potentate to suspend the work of any Temple violating the provisions of this section until the next meeting of the Imperial Council."

Section 4 of Article XIV. reads as follows:—

"Temples may open and confer the Order at any place within their jurisdiction, notice being given of such intent and candidates having been previously elected, but no other business can be transacted at such sessions except the necessary preliminaries toward conferring the Order."

We recommend that the following amendment to that section be adopted, by adding the words: "A Temple may hold a ceremonial session in States or Territories where no Temples exist, provided they obtain a special dispensation from the Imperial Potentate empowering them so to do."

We recommend that the standing resolution providing for a Board of Trustees, to consist of the Imperial Potentate, Imperial Treasurer and Imperial Recorder, be rescinded, inasmuch as such Board of Trustees has never been organized.

Regarding the standing resolution relating to the time when the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws shall meet, we recommend that said resolution be rescinded, and that Article XI. be amended by adding the following to the clause defining the duties of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, viz.:—

"They shall meet at least one day in advance of the meeting of the Imperial Council, when they shall be placed in possession of all papers and matters pertaining to the work of their committee."

It appears to your committee that the matter printed on pages 18 and 19 of the Constitution and Laws, entitled "Dimit from Commandery or Consistory," "Suspension as a Knight Templar or Thirty-Second Degree Mason," "Good standing in prerequisite bodies necessary," "Release of Jurisdiction," and "Jurisdiction of Temples," has neither the force and effect of standing resolutions, or as a part of the laws. We recommend, therefore, that the clauses mentioned be rescinded, as nearly all of the matters referred to are already covered by the laws of the Order.

We recommend the amendment of Section 2 of Article XXX. by the addition of the following clause, to wit.:—

"A Noble can demit from Commandery and Consistory and still hold membership in his Temple as long as he be in good standing in both of the prerequisite bodies, under the laws of the jurisdiction in which he resides."

We recommend that Section 3 of Article XIV. be amended by the addition of the following, to wit.:

"Where two Temples hold concurrent jurisdiction over a Territory, the consent of both will be necessary to enable an applicant of that jurisdiction to become a member of a Temple in any other jurisdiction."

The Imperial Potentate, in his annual address, calls the attention of the Imperial Council to the lack of revenue of the body under its present constitution, and to the necessity of increasing the income of the Imperial Council to meet its growing needs. This necessity must be apparent to all, and your committee therefore recommend that Article XVI., Section 2, be amended so as to read:—

"Each subordinate Temple shall pay to the Imperial Council the sum of two dollars and fifty cents for each and every candidate receiving the Order of Noble of the Mystic Shrine within such Temple, which sum shall be forwarded immediately to the Imperial Recorder, who shall forthwith issue a diploma of the Imperial Council to each and every candidate."

We recommend that Section 3 of Article XVI. be amended so as to read as follows:—

SECTION 3. Each subordinate Temple shall pay annually to the Imperial Council, in accordance with its membership, the following sum: For one hundred members or less, fifteen dollars (\$15). For all members over and above one hundred members fifteen cents for each member.

The dues shall accompany the annual return of every Temple to the Imperial Council.

We recommend that Article IX, in regard to the duties and compensation of the Imperial Treasurer, be amended in the last line, so as to read: "He shall receive for his services the sum of two hundred dollars per annum."

In conclusion we recommend the approval of the By-Laws of Aleppo Temple which were referred to the committee at this session.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. B. MELISH,
CALEB SAUNDERS,
JOHN C. DAVIS,
FRANK H. THOMAS,
A. F. VICK ROY,

Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

On motion the report was considered *seriatim*, and each section adopted as printed, and on motion adopted as a whole.

Noble Nelson Williams of Syrian Temple was at this time accorded the courtesies of the floor and read a comical poem, taking up the characteristics of the officers, which was heartily appreciated and applauded.

OFFICERS APPOINTED.

Imperial Potentate Elect A. B. McGaffey announced the following appointments:—

Imperial 1st Ceremonial Master . . .	ALLEN ANDREWS, Hamilton, O.
“ 2d “ “ . . .	GEO. H. GREEN, Dallas, Tex.
“ Marshal . . .	GEO. L. BROWN, Buffalo, N.Y.
“ Captain of Guards . .	THAD B. BEECHER, Bridgeport, Conn.
“ Outer Guard . .	ARCHIBALD N. SLOAN, Chattanooga, Tenn.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Past Imperial Potentate William B. Melish then installed the several officers, elect and appointed, into office with the exception of Noble A. N. Sloan.

On motion, Alhambra Temple of Chattanooga, Tenn., was requested to install Noble Archibald N. Sloan into the office of Imperial Outer Guard and report the compliance with this request to the Imperial Potentate Albert B. McGaffey.

There being no further business the Imperial Council was declared adjourned at 4 o'clock P.M., to meet in Annual Session in Dallas, Texas, on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 14 and 15, 1898.

RECORDS APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION.

This record of the Twenty-third Annual Session of the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, is approved for publication this tenth day of June, 1897.



A. B. McGaffey

Imperial Potentate.

W. B. Melish

Imperial Recorder.

In Memoriam.

SORROW!

SORROW!

SORROW!



ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE JOSEPH S. WRIGHT,

PAST IMPERIAL TREASURER OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL AND
POTENTATE OF LU LU TEMPLE FOR TEN YEARS,
AND ONE OF ITS CHARTER MEMBERS.

Entered the Unseen Temple, May 26, 1897.

"Out from the shadow of suffering,
Drifting across the dark main
Into the brighter future,
Out from the gloom of the pain."

STEADFAST, CHARITABLE, HONEST.
HIS FRIENDS WERE LEGION.

Necrology.

ENTERED THE UNSEEN TEMPLE.

Abdallah Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
RUSSELL, WARREN A.....	* — —,

Acca Temple.

STEWART, WILLIAM D.....	* — —,
MARTIN, J. E.	* — —,
PELOUZE, H. L.....	* — —,
LAWTON, WILLIAM P.....	* — —,
EPPE, C. H.....	* — —,

Ahmed Temple.

COCHRAN, V. B.....	July 1, 1896
TREVARROW, JOHN.....	Sept. 17, 1895

Aladdin Temple.

HOLLIDAY, THOS. J.....	Sept. 6, 1896
SHEDD, HARRY.....	July 10, 1896

Al Chymia Temple.

HUNN, ALEXANDER.....	Sept. 14, 1896
MAITLAND, J. K.....	Oct. 2, 1896

Aleppo Temple.

ABBOTT, GEORGE W.....	Nov. — 1896
BELFIELD, JOHN R.....	Dec. — 1896
BERRY, GEORGE P.....	June — 1896
BLISS, GEORGE E.....	Jan. — 1897
BRIGHAM, WILLIAM E.....	May — 1896
COLBY, FRANK A.....	Jan. — 1897
COLLAMORE, JOHN H.....	Nov. — 1896
CURTIS, GEORGE W.....	March — 1897

* Date not reported.

NOBLE.	Date.
DINSMORE, JOHN W.....	Jan. — 1897
FISK, JOHN M.....	May — 1896
HOUGH, JOHN.....	Aug — 1896
JONES, ANDREW J.....	Oct. — 1896
JACKSON, SAMUEL H.....	March — 1897
LAURIET, CHARLES P.....	May — 1896
LARRABEE, GEORGE H.....	Oct — 1896
LOVELL, EZRA H.....	Oct. — 1896
LORD, TOBIAS.....	June — 1896
MCQUARRIE, JAMES A.....	Jan. — 1897
NELSON, EDWARD C.....	Feb. — 1897
PETERS, HORACE L.....	Jan. — 1897
PRESCOTT, JOHN W.....	Oct. — 1896
ROBINSON, DAVID F.....	Oct. — 1896
RUSSELL, ORIMUS H.....	May — 1896
RAYMOND, GEORGE B.....	June — 1896
SEAVEY, MANSON.....	Sept. — 1896
SAWYER, ADDISON A.....	Nov. — 1896
SHATTUCK, OLIVER P.....	* — — 1896
TOWLE, GEORGE H.....	Sept. — 1896
TREFERN, GEORGE W.....	May — 1896
VERGE, JOSEPH A.....	July — 1896
WHITAKER, JOHN.....	March — 1897

Algeria Temple.

KELLEY, JAMES F.....	April 16, 1896
McCLELLAND, JAMES F.....	Oct 31, 1896
NEIDENHAFEN, HENRY A.....	Jan. 1, 1897

Alhambra Temple.

FULLER, CHARLES A.....	* — — ,
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Al Kader Temple.

DOLPH, JOSEPH N.....	Mar. 10, 1897
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Al Koran Temple.

BALDWIN, CHARLES F.....	Oct. 23, 1896
CRUMB, GEORGE H.....	July 1, 1896
HUBBARD, THOMAS M.....	May 3, 1896
MACK, WILLIAM S.....	Sept. 14, 1896
MARSH, CHARLES W.....	June —, 1896
NOBLE, WILLIAM W.....	July 21, 1896
PURINGTON, GEORGE A.....	May 31, 1896

* Date not reported.

Al Malaikah Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
DURKEE, JULIUS E.....	May 26, 1896
JACKSON, JOHN E.....	Nov. — 1896
RADER, FRANK.....	Mch 28, 1896
WERNER, MAX.....	Mch 13, 1896

Almas Temple.

CRANFORD, HENRY L.....	Aug. 23, 1896
BENNETT, CLEMENT W.....	Oct. 17, 1896
DONNELLY, FRANK L.....	Nov. 2, 1896
BRUMMETT, JOSEPH.....	Nov. 15, 1896
CONSTANT, ROBERT E.....	Nov. 23, 1896
COFFIN, GEORGE Y.....	Nov. 28, 1896
FORNEY, JACOB G.....	Feb. 15, 1897
O'NEILL, H. GATES.....	Feb. 18, 1897
ROOSE, WILLIAM F.....	Mar. 23, 1897
KEYWORTH, JOHN.....	April 1, 1897

Ararat Temple.

PLATT, S. T.....	Aug. 10, 1896
MOORES, W. P.....	Oct. 15, 1896
CLARKE, CHARLES H.....	Nov. 18, 1896
AMBROSE, J. S.....	*— —,
PROBST, G. E.....	March 21, 1897

Ballut Abyad Temple.

SMITH, GEORGE.....	April 3, 1897
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Ben Hur Temple.

SMITH, PERCIFER F.....	Oct. 19, 1896
THOMAS, H. J.....	April 17, 1897

Beni Kedem Temple.

WILSON, WILLIAM L.....	*— —, 1896
PALMER, A. B.....	*— —, 1896

Boumi Temple.

SHRIVER, HENRY.....	Nov. 13, 1896
HUSTON, V. R.....	April 24, 1897

Cyprus Temple.

MAYNARD, ISAAC H.....	May 10, 1896
VAN CLEAF, FRANKLIN P.....	June 7, 1896
STICKELS, WILLIAM H., Jr.....	Nov. 15, 1896

* Date not reported.

Damascus Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
MAYER, FRED E.	Mar. 16, 1896
GOULD, JAMES C.	July 1, 1896

El Jebel Temple.

ORERHEISER, GEORGE P.	June 16, 1896
ANTHONY, W. D.	July 22, 1896
STILLMAN, J. W.	Jan. 27, 1896
STRONG, FRANK H.	Sept. 3, 1896
MARSTON, JAMES L.	Aug. 1, 1896
MYERS, GEORGE.	Oct. 9, 1896
WRIGHT, E. W.	Oct. 26, 1896
BRESNAHAN, J. J.	Nov. 5, 1896
HEAD, LAFAYETTE.	Feb. 8, 1897
VICKARS, JEROME A.	Mch. 21, 1897
RANDOLPH, JOHN A.	Mch. 15, 1897

El Kahir Temple.

ADAMSON, CHARLES T.	Aug 29, 1895
BENNETT, JOSEPH.	Dec. 21, 1896
BEVIER, W. G.	Feb. — 1895
BIBBINS, M. W.	July 6, 1896
COX, ARCHIE.	April 2, 1897
HEAD, A. M.	Nov. 16, 1896
LINTER, WILLIAM.	Mch. 11, 1895
MORITZ, HENRY.	Mch 13, 1897
SHOEMAKER, MILTON.	Feb. 21, 1897
SMALLPAGE, SAMUEL G.	July 25, 1896
STEADMAN, E. D.	Nov. 1, 1895

El Katif Temple.

KIESOW, LOUIS.	Oct. 11, 1896
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El Riad Temple.

KNAPP, BUELL.	July 15, 1896
PLACE, C. E.	July 28, 1896
ORCUTT, J. W.	* — —,
SHEARS, JOSEPH.	Dec. 21, 1895
ADDINGTON, R.	Feb. 2, 1897

El Zagal Temple.

GILL, JAMES C.	Jan. 30, 1897
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Hamasa Temple.

DUNN, R. L.	July 9, 1896
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* Date not reported.

Hella Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
BREWSTER, ROBERT	July 25, 1896
SINCLAIR, WILLIAM H.	Jan. 10, 1897
CARTER, H. G.	June 8, 1896

Irem Temple.

TYRRELL, JOSEPH C.	June 7, 1897
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Isis Temple.

SELLS, GEORGE A.	Mar. 30, 1896
BASSETT, OWEN A.	July 19, 1896
HOFFMAN, GEORGE M.	Aug. 3, 1896
ORRINGTON, JAMES V.	Aug. 16, 1896
JAY, WALTER M.	Sept. 2, 1896
BEVIER, SAMUEL A.	Oct. 7, 1896

Islam Temple.

CRELLIN, JOHN	* — —,
FISKE, H. M.	* — —,
JARBOU, JOHN R.	* — —,
NORRIS, WILLIAM	* — —,
DORSEY, CABEL	April 22, 1896
DIMOND, WILLIAM H.	June 12, 1896
DAVIS, J. Z	Oct. 28, 1896
BASTON, J. G.	Oct. 29, 1896
OSBORN, R. F.	Nov. 1, 1896
BREON, PAUL	Nov. 29, 1896
McLANE, GEORGE	Dec. 7, 1896
NOHDAUSEN, E. A.	April 29, 1896
HASS, GEORGE	Jan. 3, 1897
BIRDSALL, FRED. W.	Dec. —, 1896
RIECHLING, L. F.	Jan. 24, 1897
JUDSON, E. M. S.	Mar. 15, 1897

Ismalia Temple.

HENDERSON, JAMES M.	Sept. 8, 1896
BIER, JACOB, Jr.	Oct 15, 1896
HOHLSTIEN, CHARLES P.	Dec. 7, 1896
CLUNY, T. T.	Dec. 30, 1896
ROOT, DAVID	Jan. 13, 1897
WELCH, JAMES P.	Mar. 22, 1897
PIERCE, WILLIAM B.	April 20, 1897

* Date not reported.

Kaaba Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
CURRY, EDGAR W.....	Nov. 18, 1896
ECKERSON, C. W.....	April 9, 1897
FIDLAR, JOHN B.....	Mch. 22, 1897
FISHER, SAMUEL A.....	Sept. 5, 1896
HARFORD, H. B.....	April 19, 1897
ISELL, Z. G.....	April 1, 1897
PETERSON, JOHN P.....	Oct. 12, 1896
STEPHENS, SOLOMON R.....	July 2, 1896

Kismet Temple.

MICKLEBOROUGH, M.....	Aug. 11, 1896
SINN, WALTER L.	Sept. 26, 1896
BAILEY, CHARLES I.	Dec. 1, 1896
WROLEY, C. N.....	Dec. 16, 1896
QUANTIN, E. U.....	Feb. 17, 1897
STORER, G. H.	Mar. 17, 1897

Kora Temple.

DAVIS, CLARENCE M.....	Feb. 22, 1897
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Korein Temple.

RICKETTS, THOMAS G.....	Nov. 2, 1896
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Kosair Temple.

OWENS, FRANK S.....	Jan. 9, 1895
HAWLEY, J. M.....	May 14, 1896
FRIEND, R S	July 11, 1895
RUSSELL, SAMUEL	June 6, 1896

Lu Lu Temple.

HANNUM, JOHN A.....	June 6, 1896
SPERING, JOHN L.....	July 2, 1896
MACKINNEY, JAMES G.....	July 7, 1896
KEELY, EPHRAIM P.....	July 24, 1896
MILLSPAUGH, THOMAS.....	July 31, 1896
BECKER, WILLIAM P.....	Aug. 11, 1896
MENDELL, JAMES.....	Aug. 15, 1896
SHENEMAN, WILLIAM H.....	Aug. 20, 1896
HAMILTON, E. C.....	Sept. 3, 1896
LEAMY, JOHN W.....	Sept. 3, 1896
ALLAM, JOHN S.....	Oct. 20, 1896

NOBLE.	Date.
BRALLIER, JACOB S.....	Oct. 10, 1896
McMURRY, WILLIAM.....	Oct. 18, 1896
BUCKWALTER, HENRY B.....	Oct. 31, 1896
COOKE, CHARLES I.....	Nov. 7, 1896
ANDREWS, WILLIAM H.....	Nov. 18, 1896
ROBERTS, CHARLES W.....	Dec. 19, 1895
BARTLETT, JAMES A.....	Dec. 6, 1896
CROUCH, GEORGE W.....	Dec. 18, 1896
STEELMAN, HARRY.....	Dec. 26, 1896
ESSICK, THOMAS L.....	Jan. 6, 1897
LUDY, GEORGE C.....	Jan. 10, 1897
ATKINSON, HENRY T.....	Jan. 20, 1897
ROSS, FRANKLIN M.....	Jan. 3, 1897
CLAUDY, WILLIAM R.....	Jan. 25, 1897
BLELOCH, JAMES.....	Feb. 10, 1897
GROSS, HENRY S.....	Feb. 21, 1897
MARTIN, THOMAS T.....	April 15, 1896
THOMPSON, WILLIAM, Jr.....	March 4, 1897
WILHELM, J. SCHALL.....	Feb. 14, 1896
BUZZARD, JOHN.....	April 6, 1897
JONES, WILLIAM W.....	March 23, 1897
KENDALL, OTIS H.....	April 16, 1897

Mecca Temple.

PERKINS, SAMUEL M.....	May 11, 1896
SIMMONDS, MORRIS.....	May 20, 1896
MORIARTY, ALBERT P.....	April 30, 1896
GILLETTE, WILLIAM H.....	Mar. 23, 1896
MOULTON, GILBERT E.....	May 30, 1896
HASTINGS, HENRY G.....	June 4, 1896
SMITH, HARRISON J.....	June 16, 1896
BOMIESLER, CHARLES M.....	June 21, 1896
BECKER, THEODORE W.....	July 18, 1896
DINGWELL, ROBERT.....	Aug. 6, 1896
WALTERS, WILLIAM W.....	Aug. 9, 1896
MILNE, CHARLES.....	Sept. 28, 1896
DURFEY, FRANK B.....	Oct. 25, 1896
HOGAN, JAMES.....	Nov. 27, 1896
HARTY, THOMAS F.....	Nov. 5, 1896
McCLENACHAN, CHARLES T.....	Dec. 30, 1896
CHAPIN, EDWIN M.....	Dec. 19, 1896
USHER, BLOOMFIELD.....	Dec. 10, 1896
PIERSON, J. LACY ..	Oct. 29, 1896

NOBLE.	Date.
SEIFERT, ALBERT E.....	Dec. 16, 1896
ARNOULD, JOHN A.	Dec. 3, 1896
JACOBS, GILBERT E.....	Jan. 8, 1897
SMITH, JAMES	Dec. 18, 1896
KIRKER, JAMES	Dec. 26, 1896
TERWILLEGER, ISAAC.....	Nov. 9, 1896
SCHLIG, MICHAEL	Feb. 23, 1897
DREHER, ERNEST	Feb. 25, 1897
SHIPSEY, WILLIAM.....	Feb. 23, 1897
CONWAY, JOSEPH S.....	Mar. 9, 1897
KETCHAM, CHARLES F.....	Mar. 10, 1897
HOUSE, JOHN P.....	May 30, 1895
MELVIN, DUER A.....	Mar. 23, 1897
SNOW, JOSEPH.....	Mar. 28, 1897
MEEKER, CHARLES W.....	Mar. 27, 1897
SINGSEN, FREDERICK M.	April 5, 1897
WILLIAMSON, CURTIS G.....	April 3, 1897
LITTLE, CHARLES C.....	April 24, 1897
PHILLIPS, FREDERICK A.....	April 29, 1897

Media Temple.

BAILEI, SAMUEL.....	June 19, 1896
FULLER, OSCAR P.....	Nov. 25, 1896
LAVACK, FRED.....	May 31, 1896
SMITH, LUTHER M.....	Oct. 14, 1896
STEPHENS, DAVID.....	Nov. 4, 1896
WARDNER, LEROY M.....	Jan. 12, 1896

Medinah Temple.

BLACKBURN, H. P.....	May 20, 1895
FORMAN, WILLIAM.....	Dec. 27, 1895
SIMSROTT, WILLIAM A.....	May 11, 1896
STEPHENS, JOHN W.....	May 31, 1896
LONG, ROWLAND H.....	June 13, 1896
MAHONEY, DAVID B.	July 30, 1896
DURHAM, RANSOM W.	Aug. 8, 1896
BROUGHTON, THOMAS A.....	Sept 3, 1896
HILLS, JOHN N.....	Sept. 7, 1896
LEONARD, CHARLES E.	Oct. 10, 1896
HARRIS, GEORGE P.....	Oct. 22, 1896
HALL, SEYMOUR W.....	Oct. 26, 1896
BOWERS, E. S.....	Nov. 3, 1896

NOBLE.	Date.
BLAKE, JOHN O.....	Nov. 6, 1896
GRANNIS, AMOS	Nov. 20, 1896
HOLMES, WILLIAM T.....	Dec. 1, 1896
MCCAMMON, CHARLES.....	Dec. 19, 1896
SHARP, WILLIAM	Dec. 26, 1896
ROTHMUND, MAX.....	Dec. 29, 1896
DEBECK, LOUIS W.....	Dec. 31, 1896
BARNEY, GEORGE H.....	Jan. 23, 1897
DOTON, C. W.	Jan. 27, 1897
MACMILLAN, HUGH.....	Feb. 1, 1897
PRINCE, F. H.....	Feb. 13, 1897

Mohammed Temple.

MOORE, JERRY B.....	May 16, 1896
KERR, LOUIS M.....	April 30, 1896

Moila Temple.

SIGLER, LEWIS C.....	Sept. 1, 1896
MALLET, NELSON.....	Feb. 22, 1897
PARSONS, LOUIS H.....	March 6, 1897

Moolah Temple.

CARL, PHILIP O.....	Feb. 12, 1897
COLLIER, S. D.....	April 5, 1897
JENKS, F. M.....	Jan. 15, 1897
PHILLIPS, J. W.	Aug. 12, 1896
STILWELL, F.....	Feb. 17, 1897
WOLFE, JOHN H.	April 4, 1897

Moslem Temple.

BEGOLE, J. W.	June 5, 1896
CARTWRIGHT, O. E.	Aug. 7, 1896
HIRTH, GEORGE	Aug. 26, 1896
LANDER, J. B.	Oct. 1, 1896
RANKIN, JOHN S.	Nov. —, 1896
ROOT, DON A.	April 9, 1897
RIDER, GEORGE W.	April 11, 1897
DEAN, E. L.	April 17, 1897
ORTMAN, CHARLES L.....	April 21, 1897
STONE, OREN	April 21, 1897

Mount Sinai Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
CHAMBERLAIN, GEORGE W.....	April 8, 1897
HUBENIS, WILLIAM B.....	Dec. 17, 1896
LANE, WILLIAM H., JR.....	July 21, 1896
PIERCE, MILTON K.....	Oct. 27, 1896

Murat Temple.

BRANHAM, GEORGE F.....	May 9, 1896
COFFINBURY, H. H.....	Feb. 19, 1897
KNOTT, I. M.....	Dec 7, 1896
McGAFFEY, H. H.....	Oct. 31, 1896
SANKEY, JAMES M.....	Feb. 19, 1897
WOODWARD, CHARLES E.....	April 3, 1897

Naja Temple.

GODDARD, HARLOW A.....	Oct. 26, 1896
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Oasis Temple.

DeVAULT, R. B.....	Dec. 27, 1896
MANN, F. W.	Feb. 28, 1897

Oriental Temple.

LEVI H. BUTTON	July 15, 1896
FRED RABOLOFF.....	Aug. 11, 1896
WILLIAM COLLINS.....	Nov. 3, 1896
WILLIAM V. REYNOLDS	Jan. 8, 1897

Osiris Temple.

FREW, ALEXANDER	*—, 1896
THOMPSON, FRANK E.....	*—, 1897

Palestine Temple.

AINSWORTH, BENN.....	May 18, 1896
DARLING, GEORGE H.....	April 26, 1897
DYER, RODNEY F.....	Oct 18, 1896
GILMORE, ROBERT J.....	July 2, 1896
MARCY, FRED I.....	Nov. 3, 1896
SPINK, SAMUEL D.....	July 8, 1896

Pyramid Temple.

BALDWIN, F. W.....	*—,
DYER, C. E.....	*—,
SEYMOUR, H. M.....	*—,

* Date not reported.

NORLE.	Date.
THOMAS, D. S.....	*— —,
CHAPIN, H. M.....	*— —,
NEWPORT, E. C.....	*— —,
BIDWELL, H. P.....	*— —,
SPERRY, HOBERT.....	*— —,
WHITLOCK, J. M.....	*— —,
BURTON, WILLIAM.....	*— —,
CHATFIELD, E. A.....	*— —,
YOUNG, E. H.....	*— —,
ATWOOD, E. W.....	*— —,
CASTLE, J. S.....	*— —,
SNYDER, W. B.....	*— —,
GRANNIS, N. D.....	*— —,
PECK, W. L.....	*— —,
WARD, C. T.....	*— —,
BEDIENT, G. C.....	*— —,

Rajah Temple.

KINDT, SOLOMON S.....	July 27, 1896
SLEGEL, ELI.....	Mch. 10, 1897
ZIEBER, GEORGE P.....	June 23, 1896

Rameses Temple.

WORDEN, JETHRO.....	Feb 16, 1897
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Sahara Temple.

KRAMER, FRINCK.....	Sept. 8, 1896
BUTLER, EMMETT J.....	Feb. 21, 1897

Saladin Temple.

MOORE, HEMAN N.....	Nov. 3, 1896
VOORHEES, PAUTLIND A.....	Nov. 12, 1896
ROGERS, LESTER A.....	Oct. 15, 1896
RICHARDSON, MILAN U.....	Dec. 28, 1896
WAREHAM, ALFRED B.....	April 15, 1896

Sesostris Temple.

LILLIBRIDGE, DAVID R.....	June — 1896
MARLEY, JOSEPH K.....	April — 1897

* Date not reported.

Sphinx Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
BOLLES, GEORGE A.....	April 29, 1897
DAVEY, FREDERICK.....	April 3, 1897
GRAVES, E. L.....	July 24, 1896
KEIGWIN, J. G.....	Feb. — 1897

Syria Temple.

ANDREE, JAMES Z.....	Aug. 1, 1896
MARCHAND, JOHN A.....	Aug. 5, 1896
GRAY, WEBSTER.....	Aug. 11, 1896
HEATH, JOHN.....	Sept. 22, 1895
GRIM, WILLIAM H.....	April 29, 1896
MYERS, EDWIN A.....	Nov. 22, 1895
SCHMIDT, W. A.....	*— —,
DAVIDSON, JAMES A.....	Dec. 31, 1896
STEVENSON, DAVID A.....	Jan. 8, 1897
PEPPER, HARRY B.....	Jan. 11, 1897

Syrian Temple.

BECKER, HARRY.....	Jan. 30, 1897
BOYDEN, MILLER.....	Jan. 6, 1897
BRADFORD, EDWARD F.....	April 22, 1897
BROWN, CHARLES L.....	*— —, 1896
BROWN, FRANK A.....	Dec. 12, 1896
CANBY, ROBERT H.....	Feb. 22, 1897
CARPENTER, J. P.....	Nov. 16, 1896
CLIFTON, CHARLES A.....	Jan. 29, 1897
DUDLEY, RICHARD.....	March 24, 1897
GWYNN, ROBERT.....	Jan. 23, 1897
LYON, DAVID H.....	Nov. 16, 1896
MELISH, THOMAS J.....	Nov. 11, 1896
POST, SAMUEL P.....	Jan. 30, 1897
STERRITT, GEORGE T.....	Dec. 21, 1896
SUNDERBRUCH, H. L.....	Jan. 7, 1897

Tangier Temple.

CONNOR, CHARLES H.....	July 20, 1896
APPLE, NAPOLEON B.....	April 12, 1897

Tebala Temple.

ROPER, GEORGE S.....	Feb. 3, 1897
EICHOLTZ, DANIEL.....	Feb. 16, 1897

* Date not reported.

Tripoli Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
BAKER, HENRY B.....	Mar. 30, 1897
CASE, J. MADISON.....	Jan. 5, 1897
CURTIS, DAVID W.....	April 18, 1897
PENNIMAN, H. G.....	Aug. 27, 1896
SMITH, STEPHEN R.....	Sept. 16, 1896
STARK, EDWARD J.....	Feb. 4, 1897
SPENCER, CHARLES A.....	July 6, 1896
WILSON, JOHN D.....	Mar. 21, 1897
WINCHESTER, E. H.....	Oct. 17, 1896

Yaarab Temple.

CHISSLIN, A. G.....	Jan. — 1897
WALIHM, A. M.....	Feb. — 1897

Zamora Temple.

BATTLE, WILLIAM C.....	June 12, 1896
LOWE, HENRY A.....	July 2, 1896
THEOBOLD, CONRAD.....	Sept. 2, 1896

Zem Zem Temple.

LYTE, FRANCIS A.....	June 24, 1896
STANTON, NORMAN J.....	Feb. 19, 1897

Ziyara Temple.

HUTCHINSON, CHARLES W.....	Sept. 14, 1896
KNOWLTON, GEORGE C.....	Nov. 23, 1896
VAN VALKENBURG, WELLS.....	Aug. — 1894
FAIRCHILD, LEROY.....	Jan. 23, 1897
HALL, C. ROBERT.....	Mar. 5, 1897
DIMON, GEORGE D.....	April 3, 1897

Zuhrah Temple.

MCDONALD, F. S.....	July 18, 1896
COVE, WILLIAM.....	April 14, 1897
HEAL, J. M.....	April 17, 1897
WETTER, CHARLES.....	Dec. 3, 1896
MILLER, W. A.....	Sept. 10, 1896
ROGERS, L. Z.....	April 26, 1897

STATES WITH TEMPLES.

JULY, 1897.

State.	Temples.	Membership.
Alabama.....	Zamora Temple.....	140
Arkansas.....	Sahara Temple.....	173
Arizona.....	El Zaribah Temple.....	77
California.....	Al Malaikah and Islam Temples.....	1167
Colorado.....	El Jebel Temple.....	789
Connecticut.....	Pyramid and Sphinx Temples.....	1285
District of Columbia.....	Almas Temple.....	764
Florida.....	Morocco Temple.....	97
Georgia.....	Alee and Yaarab Temples.....	275
Idaho.....	El Korah Temple.....	25
Illinois...Medinah, Mohammed, Salaam and Tebala Temples.....		2830
Indiana.....	Murat Temple.....	867
Iowa.....	El Kahir and Kaaba Temples.....	2359
Kansas.....	Abdallah and Isis Temples.....	1093
Kentucky.....	Kosair Temple.....	310
Louisiana.....	Jerusalem Temple.....	160
Maine.....	Kora Temple.....	444
Maryland.....	Boumi Temple.....	458
Massachusetts.....	Aleppo and Melha Temples.....	2958
Michigan.....	Ahmed, Moslem and Saladin Temples.....	2543
Minnesota.....	Osman and Zurah Temples.....	1288
Missouri.....	Ararat, Moila and Moolah Temples.....	1828
Mississippi.....	Hamasa Temple.....	171
Montana.....	Algeria Temple.....	235
Nebraska.....	Sesostris and Tangier Temples.....	1121
New Mexico.....	Ballut Abyad Temple.....	132
New York.... {	Cyprus, Damascus, Ismailia, Kismet, Media, Mecca, Oriental and Ziyara Temples.....	7114
North Carolina..	Oasis Temple.....	114
North Dakota...	El Zagal Temple.....	422
Ohio.....	Aladdin, Al Koran, Antioch and Syrian Temples.....	2714
Oklahoma.....	India Temple.....	124
Oregon.....	Al Kader Temple.....	215
Pennsylvania..	Irem, LuLu, Rajah, Syria and Zem Zem Temples.....	4664
Rhode Island.....	Palestine Temple.....	731
South Dakota.....	El Riad and Naja Temples.....	571
Tennessee.....	Al Chymia and Alhambra Temples.....	338
Texas.....	Ben Hur and Hella Temples.....	737
Utah.....	El Kalah Temple.....	173
Vermont.....	Mount Sinai Temple.....	506

State.	Temples.	Membership.
Virginia.....	Acca Temple.....	358
Washington.....	Affi and El Katif Temples.....	427
West Virginia.....	Beni Kedem and Osiris Temples.....	566
Wisconsin.....	Tripoli Temple.....	543
Wyoming.....	Korein Temple.....	130
Canada.....	Rameses Temple.....	239

Number of Chartered Temples, 76.

Number of Temples under Dispensation, 3.

Number of Nobles, 44,291

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Tyler, George O.....	Burlington, Vt.

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CORRECTED TO JULY 1, 1897.

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James A. Fox.....Cambridge, Mass.
Caleb Saunders.....Lawrence, Mass.
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Henry L. Frank.....Butte, Mont.
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Archibald N. Sloan.....Chattanooga, Tenn.
10. AL KADER TEMPLE.....Portland, Ore.
Napoleon Davis.....Portland, Ore.
11. AL KORAN TEMPLE.....Cleveland, Ohio. 9
Louis J. Noble.....Cleveland, Ohio.
Neville S. Harris.....Cleveland, Ohio.
Robert Wallace.....Cleveland, Ohio.
Lloyd Booth.....Cleveland, Ohio.
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J. D. Havens.....312 W. 6th St, Kansas City, Mo.
Arnold Shanklin.....Telephone Building, Kansas City, Mo.
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Morris F. Clark Rochester, N.Y.
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Alvin Adams State House, Denver, Col.
George W. Vallery Denver, Col.
Albert B. McGaffey 1039 Washington Ave., Denver, Col.
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Gardner S. Clark Salt Lake City, Utah
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E. E. Clark Cedar Rapids, Iowa
George W. Ball Iowa City, Iowa
M. S. Rizer Clinton, Iowa
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W. W. Witherspoon Spokane, Wash.
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A. B. Kittredge Sioux Falls, S.D.
Joe Green Chamberlain, S.D.
E. T. Taubman Aberdeen, S.D.
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John A. Gilles Fargo, N.D.
Thomas Kleinogel Fargo, N.D.
Hamilton W. Gearey Fargo, N.D.
26. EL ZARIBAH TEMPLE Phoenix, Ariz.
J. G. Helzinger Phoenix, Ariz.
27. HAMASA TEMPLE Meridian, Miss.
E. J. Martin Meridian, Miss.
28. HELLA TEMPLE Dallas, Tex.
James Garrity Dallas, Tex.
Geo. H. Green Dallas, Tex.
John G. Hunter Dallas, Tex.

29. INDIA TEMPLE.....Oklahoma, O.T.
Luke Ellison.....Oklahoma City, O.T.
30. IREM TEMPLE.....Wilkesbarre, Pa.
William L. Raeder.....Public Sq., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
31. ISIS TEMPLE.....Salina, Kan.
Edward W. Wellington.....Ellsworth, Kan.
Stephen J. Osborn.....Salina, Kan.
Winfield W. Watson.....Salina, Kan.
James A. Kimball.....Salina, Kan.
32. ISLAM TEMPLE.....San Francisco, Cal.
Franklin H. Day.....Masonic Temple, San Francisco, Cal.
Victor D. Duboce.....1835 Scott St., San Francisco, Cal.
John H. Gray.....Mills Building, San Francisco, Cal.
Charles L. Patton.....319 Pine St., San Francisco, Cal.
33. ISMAILIA TEMPLE.....Buffalo, N.Y.
Charles W. Cushman.....35 Chapin Block, Buffalo, N.Y.
Frank T. Gilbert.....8 City Hall, Buffalo, N.Y.
George L. Brown, M.D....D. S. Morgan Building, Buffalo, N.Y.
Erastus C. Knight.....No. 3 City Hall, Buffalo, N.Y.
34. JERUSALEM TEMPLE.....New Orleans, La.
Richard Lambert..Room 31, Masonic Temple, New Orleans, La.
35. KAABA TEMPLE.....Davenport, Iowa.
John Soller.....633 E. 16th St., Davenport, Iowa.
John Hoyt.....Davenport, Iowa.
George M. Titus.....Muscatine, Iowa.
Cyrus T. Darling.....Davenport, Iowa.
36. KISMET TEMPLE.....Brooklyn, N.Y.
Edwin Knowles.....858 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Clarence E. Stump.....283 Halsey St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Frank C. Mason.....217 Adelphi St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Charles F. Perry.....179 Gates Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.
37. KORA TEMPLE.....Lewiston, Me.
J. F. Babbitt.....Lewiston, Me.
Charles E. Libby.....Auburn, Me.
38. KOREIN TEMPLE.....Rawlins, Wyo.
J. C. Davis.....Rawlins, Wyo.
39. KOSAIR TEMPLE.....Louisville, Ky.
William Ryan.....816 3d St., Louisville, Ky.
Frank H. Johnson.....Frankfort, Ky.
40. LU LU TEMPLE.....Philadelphia, Pa.
Arthur H. Woodward....2408 No. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Edward B. Jordan....1337 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Frederick Leibrandt.....825 N. 7th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Phillip C. Shaffer.....1216 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa.

41. MECCA TEMPLE New York, N.Y.
 Saram R. Ellison 266 W. 43d St., New York, N.Y.
 George W. Millar 64 Duane St., New York, N.Y.
 James McGee 64 Duane St., New York, N.Y.
 Augustus W. Peters 60 Broadway, New York, N.Y.
 Walter M. Fleming (*ad vitam*) Hotel Imperial, New York.
42. MEDIA TEMPLE Watertown, N.Y.
 Joseph A. McConnell Watertown, N.Y.
 Lewis W. Day Sacketts Harbor, N.Y.
 Danford G. Eggleston Watertown, N.Y.
43. MEDINAH TEMPLE Chicago, Ill.
 Frank W. Campbell 99 Madison St., Chicago, Ill.
 Robert M. Johnson 67 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.
 Frank C. Roundy 190 So. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.
 William Johnston 184 Munroe St., Chicago, Ill.
44. MOHAMMED TEMPLE Peoria, Ill.
 George F. Henthorne Peoria, Ill.
 Thomas I. Ballentine Peoria, Ill.
45. MOILA TEMPLE St. Joseph, Mo.
 George Calder St. Joseph, Mo.
 Olin E. Vandeventer St. Joseph, Mo.
46. MOOLAH TEMPLE St. Louis, Mo.
 Frederick A. Smith St. Louis, Mo.
 George T. Matthews St. Louis, Mo.
 John A. Laird St. Louis, Mo.
 Charles H. Granger St. Louis, Mo.
47. MOROCCO TEMPLE Jacksonville, Fla.
 Irving E. Baird Jacksonville, Fla.
48. MOSLEM TEMPLE Detroit, Mich.
 Wm. M. Bailey 29 Miami Ave., Detroit, Mich.
 Ed. R. Harris 256 Lafayette Ave., Detroit, Mich.
 George F. Fowle Detroit, Mich.
 Charles F. Beck 156 Jefferson Ave., Detroit, Mich.
49. MOUNT SINAI TEMPLE Montpelier, Vt.
 Edwin O. Hibbard Randolph, Vt.
 Geo. F. Flanders White River Junction, Vt.
 Austin D. Paige Lyndonville, Vt.
50. MURAT TEMPLE Indianapolis, Ind.
 William H. Schmidt Indianapolis, Ind.
 Jos. W. Smith 46 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, Ind.
 Roscoe O. Hawkins Indianapolis, Ind.
 Chalmers Brown 23 Ingalls Block, Indianapolis, Ind.
51. NAJA TEMPLE Deadwood, S.D.
 J. W. Freeman Lead City, S.D.
52. OASIS TEMPLE Charlotte, N.C.
 Walter S. Liddell Charlotte, N.C.

53. ORIENTAL TEMPLE... Troy, N.Y.
 Henry Schneider.....13 Jacob St., Troy, N.Y.
 Charles H. Smith.....N.Y.
 John H. Crutchley.....Troy, N.Y.
 Thomas T. Smith.....Troy, N.Y.
54. OSMAN TEMPLE.....St. Paul, Minn.
 William H. S. Wright.....St. Paul, Minn.
 Frederick E. Rice.....St. Paul, Minn.
 Henry C. Hope.....Care L. St. P. M. & O. Ry., St. Paul, Minn.
 J. W. Chamberlain.....St. Paul, Minn.
55. OSIRIS TEMPLE.....Wheeling, W. Va.
 Matthew R. Wolff.....Wheeling, W. Va.
 W. W. Irwin.....Wheeling, W. Va.
 W. W. Vanwinkle.....Wheeling, W. Va.
56. PALESTINE TEMPLE.....Providence, R.I.
 George H. Burnham.....P.O. Box 223, Providence, R.I.
 Horace K. Blanchard, Care Murray, Spink & Co., Providence, R.I.
 Albert L. Anthony.....Providence, R.I.
 Geo. L. Shepley, Care Starkweather & Shepley, Providence, R.I.
57. PYRAMID TEMPLE.....Bridgeport, Conn.
 Hugh Stirling.....8 Union Sq., Bridgeport, Conn.
 Thaddens B. Beecher.....233 Warren St., Bridgeport, Conn.
 Carleton E. Hoadley.....P.O. Box 357, New Haven, Conn.
 Charles B. Ware.....New London, Conn.
58. RAJAH TEMPLE.....Reading, Pa.
 J. Lew Rake.....324 So. 3d St., Reading, Pa.
 Harry P. Keiser.....Reading, Pa.
 J. W. Jost.....Reading, Pa.
59. RAMESES TEMPLE.....Toronto, Can.
 Henry A. Collins.....20 Major St., Toronto, Can.
60. SAHARA TEMPLE.....Pine Bluff, Ark.
 John T. Marsh.....Pine Bluff, Ark.
61. SALAAM TEMPLE.....Olney, Ill.
 Temple suspended.
62. SALADIN TEMPLE.....Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Lou B. Winsor.....Reed City, Mich.
 Chas. E. Fink.....Grand Rapids, Mich.
 A. F. Peake.....Jackson, Mich.
 Geo. F. Sinclair.....Grand Rapids, Mich.
63. SESOSTRIS TEMPLE.....Lincoln, Neb.
 DeForrest E. Green.....Lincoln, Neb.
 John S. Leonhardt.....Neb.
 E. G. Drake.....Beatrice, Neb.
64. SPHINX TEMPLE.....Hartford, Conn.
 Rial S. Peck.....Hartford, Conn.
 Frank D. May.....Hartford, Conn.
 William G. Simmonds.....Hartford, Conn.

65. SYRIA TEMPLE.....Pittsburgh, Pa.
 William S. Brown.....520 Wood St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
 William H. Walker.....Academy of Music, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 James Kerr, Jr.....1 Wood St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Americus V. Holmes.....37 5th Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Thomas J. Hudson (*ad vitam*)...P.O. Box 790, Pittsburgh, Pa.
66. SYRIAN TEMPLE.....Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Levi C. Goodale.....80 W. Third St., Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Jacob H. Bromwell.....Masonic Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Morris L. Buchwalter.....Court House, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Allen Andrews.....Hamilton, Ohio.
 William B. Melish (*ad vitam*)..181 Walnut St., Cincinnati, Ohio.
67. TANGIER TEMPLE.....Omaha, Neb.
 Henry C. Akin.....511 S. 12th St., Omaha, Neb.
 Gustave Anderson.....Omaha, Neb.
 Henry Hardy.....Omaha, Neb.
 J. B. Rahm.....Omaha, Neb.
68. TEBALA TEMPLE.....Rockford, Ill.
 Geo. R. Atkinson.....Rockford, Ill.
69. TRIPOLI TEMPLE.....Milwaukee, Wis.
 William Reckmeyer.....Milwaukee, Wis.
 Luther L. Caufy.....89 Mason St., Milwaukee, Wis.
 William H. Brazier.....240 Eleventh St., Milwaukee, Wis.
70. YAARAB TEMPLE.....Atlanta, Ga.
 Henry C. Stockdell.....Equitable Building, Atlanta, Ga.
71. ZAMORA TEMPLE.....Birmingham, Ala.
 George A. Blinn, Jr.....Birmingham, Ala.
72. ZEM ZEM TEMPLE.....Erie, Penn.
 Sam. B. Kennedy.....Erie, Penn.
 Frank J. Bassett.....Erie, Penn.
 Willis W. Kerr.....Erie, Penn.
73. ZIYARA TEMPLE.....Utica, N.Y.
 John B. Jones.....Utica, N.Y.
 William H. Cloher, Jr.....Utica, N.Y.
 Jacob Schechl.....Utica, N.Y.
 Geo. D. Frank.....Utica, N.Y.
74. ZUHRAH TEMPLE.....Minneapolis, Minn.
 John A. Schlener.....509 Nic Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.
 A. W. Paris.....Minneapolis, Minn.
 J. B. Hudson.....519 Nic Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.
 S. S. Kilvington.....Minneapolis, Minn.

TEMPLES AND OFFICERS

July 1, 1896

1. ABDALLAH TEMPLE..... Leavenworth, Kan.
 John H. Atwood, Potentate..... Leavenworth, Kan.
 Peter J. Freling, Recorder, 425 Delaware St., Leavenworth, Kan.
 Founded March 28, 1887. Members, 518.
2. ACCA TEMPLE..... Richmond, Va.
 Frank W. Cunningham, Potentate.... City Hall, Richmond, Va.
 W. Hall Crew, Recorder..... City Hall, Richmond, Va.
 Founded June 9, 1886. Members, 358.
3. AFIFI TEMPLE..... Tacoma, Wash.
 Frank W. Parker, Potentate..... 601 Front St., Tacoma, Wash.
 Richard A. Ketner, Recorder..... Tacoma, Wash.
 Founded Aug. 1, 1888. Members, 210.
4. AHMED TEMPLE..... Marquette, Mich.
 Frank E. Ketchum, Potentate..... Marquette, Mich.
 James Wallace, Recorder..... Marquette, Mich.
 Founded June 14, 1893. Members, 222.
5. ALADDIN TEMPLE..... Columbus, Ohio.
 John P. McCune, Potentate..... Columbus, Ohio.
 W. E. Joseph, Recorder..... Columbus, Ohio.
 Founded June 14, 1893. Members, 404.
6. AL CHYMIA TEMPLE..... Memphis, Tenn.
 Harry E. Coffin, Potentate..... 228 Front St., Memphis, Tenn.
 John M. Sears, Recorder..... 202 Union St., Memphis, Tenn.
 Founded May 10, 1891. Members, 150.
7. ALEE TEMPLE U. D..... Savannah, Ga.
 J. H. Cavanaugh, Potentate..... Savannah, Ga.
 Robert L. Colding, Recorder.....
 Founded June 23, 1896. Members, 48.
8. ALEPPO TEMPLE..... Boston, Mass.
 Fred H. Spring, Potentate... 928 Tremont Bldg., Boston, Mass.
 Benjamin W. Rowell, Recorder.... 28 School St., Boston, Mass.
 Founded June 23, 1882. Members, 2,900.
9. ALGERIA TEMPLE..... Helena, Mont.
 H. Solomon Hepner, Potentate..... Helena, Mont.
 George Booker, Recorder..... P.O. Box 333, Helena, Mont.
 Founded March 23, 1888. Members, 235.
10. ALHAMBRA TEMPLE..... Chattanooga, Tenn.
 Archibald N. Sloan, Potentate..... Chattanooga, Tenn.
 H. F. Rogers, Recorder..... Chattanooga, Tenn.
 Founded Sept. 17, 1889. Members, 188.

11. AL KADER TEMPLE.....Portland, Ore.
Irving W. Pratt, Potentate.....611 1st St., Portland, Ore.
Benjamin G. Whitehouse, Recorder. 235 Stark St Portland, Ore.
Founded Jan. 3, 1888. Members, 215.
12. AL KORAN TEMPLECleveland, Ohio.
Sam Briggs, Potentate..... 48 Cedar Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
Sam Briggs, Recorder.....48 Cedar Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
Founded Nov. 16, 1876. Members, 868.
13. AL MALAIKAH TEMPLE.....Los Angeles, Cal.
Charles Campbell, Potentate....125 E. 2d St., Los Angeles, Cal.
David Eric Barclay, Recorder. 202½ S Broadway, Los Angeles, Cal.
Founded Feb. 28, 1888. Members, 443.
14. ALMAS TEMPLEWashington, D.C.
Harry Standiford, Potentate.... 787 11th St., Washington, D.C.
Geo. H. Walker, Recorder....1420 N Y. Ave., Washington, D.C.
Founded Jan. 7, 1886. Members, 764.
15. ANTIOCH TEMPLE, U.D..... Dayton, Ohio.
George F. Kuhns, Potentate.....Dayton, Ohio.
Recorder.....
Founded June 9, 1897. Members, 148.
16. ARARAT TEMPLEKansas City, Mo.
Thomas R Morrow, Potentate.117 W 6th St., Kansas City, Mo.
Arnold Shanklin, Recorder..Telephone Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.
Founded Dec. 1, 1887. Members, 801.
17. BALLUT ABYAD TEMPLE.....Albuquerque, N M.
Joseph H. Wroth, Potentate.....Albuquerque, N.M.
Alexander Stevens, Recorder..P.O.Box 133, Albuquerque, N.M.
Founded June 11, 1887. Members, 132.
18. BEN HUR TEMPLE.....Austin, Tex.
Charles S. Morse, Potentate.....Houston, Tex.
E. C. Bartholomew, Recorder...5 Masonic Temple, Austin, Tex.
Founded June 2, 1891. Members, 250.
19. BENI KEDEM TEMPLE, U. DCharleston, W. Va.
Neil Robinson, PotentateCharleston, W. Va.
Joseph Raffner, RecorderCharleston, W. Va.
Founded June 23, 1896. Members, 166.
20. BOUMI TEMPLE.....Baltimore, Md.
Geo. W. Starr, Potentate....960 N.Howard St., Baltimore, Md.
John H. Miller, Recorder.....Brown's wharf, Baltimore, Md.
Founded March 1, 1884. Members, 458.
21. CYPRUS TEMPLEAlbany, N Y.
James B. McEwan, Potentate.... 26 Clinton Ave., Albany, N.Y.
William E. Fitch, Recorder.116 State St., Albany, N.Y.
Founded Feb. 2, 1877. Members, 445.
22. DAMASCUS TEMPLE..... Rochester, N.Y.
George F Loder, Potentate. Rochester, N.Y.
R. W. West, Recorder.....P.O. Box 580, Rochester, N.Y.
Founded June 7, 1876. Members, 566.

23. EL JEBEL TEMPLE..... Denver, Col.
Alonzo F. Vick Roy, Potentate.... 2211 Curtis St., Denver, Col.
Fred W. Parks, Recorder..... P.O. Box 239, Denver, Col.
Founded Jan. 16, 1888. Members, 789.
24. EL KALAH TEMPLE Salt Lake City, Utah.
Leonard B. Gorham, Potentate, P.O. Box 683, Salt Lake City, Utah.
William S. Evans, Recorder, P.O. Box 487, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Founded June 8, 1890. Members, 173.
25. EL KAHIR TEMPLE..... Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
Austin D. Brown, Potentate Manchester, Iowa.
John W. Geiger, Recorder..... Marion, Iowa.
Founded Feb. 9, 1886. Members, 1,309.
26. EL KATIF TEMPLE Spokane, Wash.
E. Dempsie, Potentate..... Spokane, Wash.
W. D. Vincent, Recorder..... Spokane, Wash.
Founded June 10, 1890. Members, 207.
27. EL KORAH TEMPLE, U.D..... Boise City, Idaho.
Morgan A. Regan, Potentate..... Boise City, Idaho.
Recorder.....
Founded June 23, 1896.
28. EL RIAD TEMPLE..... Sioux Falls, S. D.
A. L. Kittredge, Potentate..... Sioux Falls, S. D.
Eugene Saenger, Recorder..... Sioux Falls, S. D.
Founded April 2, 1888. Members, 469.
29. EL ZAGAL TEMPLE Fargo, N. D.
Frank J. Thompson, Potentate..... Fargo, N. D.
John Urion, Recorder..... Fargo, N. D.
Founded Dec 14, 1889 Members, 422.
30. EL ZARIBAH TEMPLE..... Phoenix, Ari.
Myron H. McCord, Potentate Phoenix, Ari.
Thomas Armstrong, Recorder..... Phoenix, Ari.
Founded Jan. 20, 1896. Members, 77.
31. HAMASA TEMPLE Meridian, Miss.
E. J. Martin, Potentate Meridian, Miss.
H. C. Smith, Recorder..... Meridian, Miss.
Founded May 22, 1892. Members 171.
32. HELLA TEMPLE..... Dallas, Tex.
John G. Hunter, Potentate..... Dallas, Tex.
W. W. Manning, Recorder..... 243 Main St., Dallas, Tex.
Founded July 12, 1887. Members, 487.
33. INDIA TEMPLE..... Oklahoma, O. T.
Fred S. Goodrich, Potentate..... Oklahoma, O. T.
Frank Harrah, Recorder..... Oklahoma, O. T.
Founded May 3, 1893. Members, 124.
34. IREM TEMPLE..... Wilkesbarre, Pa.
J. Ridgeway Wright, Potentate, 8 S. Franklin St., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
Frank Deitrick, Recorder..... City Hall, Wilkesbarre, Pa.
Founded Oct. 15, 1895. Members, 196.

35. ISIS TEMPLE.....Salina, Kansas.
 Jeremiah G. Mohler, Potentate.....Salina, Kansas.
 Alex Berg, Recorder.....Salina, Kansas.
 Founded March 29, 1887. Members, 575.
36. ISLAM TEMPLE.....San Francisco, Cal.
 Chas. L. Patton, Potentate319 Pine St., San Francisco, Cal.
 Victor D. Duboce, Recorder..438 Eddy St., San Francisco, Cal.
 Founded March 6, 1883. Members, 724.
37. ISMAILIA TEMPLE.....Buffalo, N.Y.
 George L. Brown, Potentate, Room 210, D S.
 Morgan Building.....Buffalo, N.Y.
 Charles E. Markham, RecorderAtlantic Dock, Buffalo, N.Y.
 Founded Nov. 5, 1887. Members, 909.
38. JERUSALEM TEMPLE.....New Orleans, La.
 David R. Graham, Potentate.....Gravier St., New Orleans, La.
 Richard Lambert, Recorder, Rm. 21, Masonic Temple, N.O., La.
 Founded March 30, 1885. Members, 160.
39. KAABA TEMPLE.....Davenport, Ia.
 George F. White, Potentate...127 West 13th St., Davenport, Ia.
 Cornelius J. Brown, Recorder..306 East 8th St., Davenport, Ia.
 Founded July 1, 1878. Members, 1,050.
40. KISMET TEMPLE.....Brooklyn, N.Y.
 Edwin Knowles, Potentate..868 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.
 John D. Acker, Recorder.192 Schermerhorn St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
 Founded July 2, 1887. Members, 648.
41. KORA TEMPLE.....Lewiston, Me.
 J. F. Babbitt, Potentate.....Lewiston, Me.
 Frank M. Cummings, Recorder.....Lewiston, Me.
 Founded Dec. 14, 1891. Members, 444.
42. KOREIN TEMPLE.....Rawlins, Wyo.
 Wm. Daley, Potentate.....Rawlins, Wyo.
 D. L. Rusk, Recorder.....Rawlins, Wyo.
 Founded Oct. 8, 1894. Members, 130.
43. KOSAIR TEMPLE.....Louisville, Ky.
 Thomas C. Timberlake, Potentate,441 W. Main St ,Louisville, Ky.
 F. W. Hardwick, Recorder..1130 West Main St., Louisville, Ky
 Founded Dec. 5, 1894. Members, 310.
44. LU LU TEMPLE.....Philadelphia, Pa.
 Philip C. Shaffer, Potentate...1216 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Charles Cary, Recorder.....421 Chestnut St , Philadelphia, Pa
 Founded Dec. 31, 1883. Members, 2,499.
45. MECCA TEMPLE.....New York, N.Y.
 Augustus W. Peters, Potentate.....60 Broadway, N.Y.
 Saram R. Ellison, Recorder.....266 W. 43d St., N.Y.
 Founded Sept. 26, 1872. Members, 2,765.
46. MEDIA TEMPLE.....Watertown; N.Y.
 Danford G. Eggleston, Potentate.....Watertown, N.Y.
 John S. Coon, Recorder.....Watertown, N.Y.
 Founded March 19, 1891. Members, 466.

47. MEDINAH TEMPLE Chicago, Ill.
Robert M. Johnson, Potentate..67 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.
William Johnston, Recorder192 Fifth Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Founded Oct. 30, 1882. Members, 2,228.
48. MELHA TEMPLE, U.D.....Springfield, Mass.
Charles H. Miller, Potentate.....Springfield, Mass.
M. D. Montague, Recorder ..85 No. Main St., Springfield, Mass.
Founded June 9, 1897. Members, 63.
49. MOHAMMED TEMPLE Peoria, Ill.
Thomas I. Ballentine, Potentate Peoria, Ill.
Charles F. Hitchcock, Recorder Peoria, Ill.
Founded June 12, 1893. Members, 333.
50. MOILA TEMPLE.....St. Joseph, Mo.
Charles A. Batson, Potentate St. Joseph, Mo.
Arling M. Worden, Recorder, 7th and Olive Sts., St. Joseph, Mo.
Founded Dec. 1, 1887. Members, 400.
51. MOOLAH TEMPLE St. Louis, Mo.
Frederick A. Smith, Potentate..806 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Mo.
A. Moore Berry, Recorder.....Security Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.
Founded April 26, 1886. Members, 627.
52. MOROCCO TEMPLE.....Jacksonville, Fla.
Bingham H. Chadwick, Potentate, Acme Hotel, Jacksonville, Fla.
Chas. A. Clark, Recorder..40 W. Forsyth St., Jacksonville, Fla.
Founded March 28, 1888. Members, 97.
53. MOSLEM TEMPLE.....Detroit, Mich.
Charles F. Beck, Potentate...156 Jefferson Ave., Detroit, Mich.
William M. Bailey, Recorder.....29 Miami Ave., Detroit, Mich.
Founded April 21, 1880. Members, 1,400.
54. MOUNT SINAI TEMPLE Montpelier, Vt.
Stephen R. Colby, Potentate Montpelier, Vt.
Charles H. Heaton, Recorder..... Montpelier, Vt.
Founded Oct. 31, 1876. Members, 506.
55. MURAT TEMPLE.....Indianapolis, Ind.
John T. Brush, Potentate.....When Block, Indianapolis, Ind.
Jos. W. Smith, Recorder, 46 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, Ind.
Founded March 13, 1884. Members, 867.
56. NAJA TEMPLE Deadwood, S.D.
George V. Ayres, Potentate.....Deadwood, S.D.
Byron P. Dague, Recorder.....Deadwood, S.D.
Founded Sept. 19, 1892. Members, 102.
57. OASIS TEMPLE.....Charlotte, N.C.
Walter S. Liddell, Potentate.....Charlotte, N.C.
Thomas R. Robertson, Recorder.....Charlotte, N.C.
Founded Oct. 10, 1894. Members, 114.
58. ORIENTAL TEMPLE Troy, N.Y.
Henry Schneider, Potentate 551 Jacob St., Troy, N.Y.
W. V. N. Stowell, Recorder.....15 Third St., Troy, N.Y.
Founded Feb. 7, 1877. Members, 715.

59. OSIRIS TEMPLE.....Wheeling, W. Va.
 W. W. Irwin, Potentate.....Wheeling, W. Va.
 Thomas Carnahan, Jr., Recorder. 64 11th St., Wheeling, W. Va.
 Founded July 22, 1886. Members, 400.
60. OSMAN TEMPLE.....St. Paul, Minn.
 Frederick E. Rice, Potentate, Care of Pullman
 Car Co.....St. Paul, Minn.
 John W. Owens, Recorder, Care of Adams
 Express Co.....St. Paul, Minn.
 Founded July 13, 1885 Members, 630.
61. PALESTINE TEMPLE.....Providence, R.I.
 John F. Oldham, Potentate.....Pawtucket, R.I.
 Edwin Baker, Recorder.....70 Weybosset St., Providence, R.I.
 Founded Feb. 6, 1886. Members, 731.
62. PYRAMID TEMPLE.....Bridgeport, Conn.
 Thad. B. Beecher, Potentate..233 Warren St., Bridgeport, Conn.
 E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder45 Wall St., Bridgeport, Conn.
 Founded April 18, 1877. Members, 823.
63. RAJAH TEMPLE.....Reading, Pa.
 J. Lew Rake, PotentateReading, Pa.
 J. William Jost, Recorder.....19 N. 5th St., Reading, Pa.
 Founded Aug. 20, 1892. Members, 441.
64. RAMESES TEMPLE.....Toronto, Can.
 Henry A. Collins, Potentate.....20 Major St., Toronto, Can.
 Arthur A. S. Ardagh, Recorder.Lock Drawer 2518, Toronto, Can.
 Founded April 21, 1887. Members, 239.
65. SAHARA TEMPLE.....Pine Bluff, Ark.
 Francis H. Head, PotentatePine Bluff, Ark.
 Horace G. Higinbotham, Recorder.....Pine Bluff, Ark.
 Founded April 16, 1889. Members, 173.
66. SALAAM TEMPLE.....Olney, Ill.
 Potentate.....Olney, Ill.
 Recorder.....Olney, Ill.
 Founded Jan. 1, 1884. Members, 49.
 Charter suspended until January, 1898.
67. SALADIN TEMPLE.....Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Lou B. Winsor, Potentate.....Reed City, Mich.
 Chas E. Fink, Recorder.....Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Founded April 22, 1886. Members, 921.
68. SESOSTRIS TEMPLE.....Lincoln, Neb.
 DeForrest E. Green, Potentate.1815 Prospect St., Lincoln, Neb.
 John A. Ames, Recorder.....P.O. Box 1440, Lincoln, Neb.
 Founded June 22, 1887. Members, 451.
69. SPHINX TEMPLE.....Hartford, Conn.
 Rial S. Peck, PotentateHartford, Conn.
 Charles E. Shelton, Recorder.....Hartford, Conn.
 Founded April 30, 1896. Members, 462.

70. SYRIA TEMPLE Pittsburgh, Pa.
William H. Walker, Potentate.. Acad. of Music, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Harry L. Trees, Recorder..... P.O. Box 790, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Founded May 27, 1877. Members, 1,187.
71. SYRIAN TEMPLE..... Cincinnati, O.
William B. Melish, Potentate.... 181 Walnut St., Cincinnati, O.
John H. Dunholter, Recorder..... 51 Walnut St., Cincinnati, O.
Founded Feb. 6, 1877. Members, 1,442.
72. TANGIER TEMPLE Omaha, Neb.
Henry Hardy, Potentate..... 1319 Farnham St., Omaha, Neb.
Louis E. Wettling, Recorder..... P.O. Box 523, Omaha, Neb.
Founded April 24, 1889. Members, 670.
73. TEBALA TEMPLE... .. Rockford, Ill.
Thomas D. Reter, Potentate..... Rockford, Ill.
Fred. Wheat, Recorder Rockford, Ill.
Founded July 25, 1894. Members, 220.
74. TRIPOLI TEMPLE Milwaukee, Wis.
Luther L. Caufy, Potentate..... 89 Mason St., Milwaukee, Wis.
George T. Hooley, Recorder P.O. Box 289, Milwaukee, Wis.
Founded March 9, 1885. Members, 543.
75. YAARAB TEMPLE Atlanta, Ga.
H. C. Stockdell, Potentate Equitable Building, Atlanta, Ga.
John R. Wilkinson, Recorder 227 E. Ga. Ave., Atlanta, Ga.
Founded Dec. 8, 1889. Members, 227.
76. ZAMORA TEMPLE Birmingham, Ala.
George A. Blinn, Jr., Potentate Birmingham, Ala.
James T. Meade, Recorder.... 1911½ 1st Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
Founded Nov. 10, 1890. Members, 140.
77. ZEM ZEM TEMPLE Erie, Pa.
Francis J. Bassett, Potentate 726 State St., Erie, Pa.
William C. Shaw, Recorder.. Cor. Peach and 14th Sts., Erie, Pa.
Founded Nov. 10, 1890. Members, 441.
78. ZIYARA TEMPLE Utica, N.Y.
William H. Cloher, Jr., Potentate Utica, N.Y.
Jacob Scheehl, Recorder..... 9 Brinkerhoff Ave., Utica, N.Y.
Founded Oct. 30, 1877. Members, 600.
79. ZURAH TEMPLE..... Minneapolis, Minn.
A.W. Paris, Potentate, 1st Ave., N and 2d Sts., Minneapolis, Minn.
H. M. Myers, Recorder, 704 Masonic Temple, Minneapolis, Minn.
Founded July 22, 1885. Members, 658.



Imperial Recorder.

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Constitution of the Imperial Council
OF THE
ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER
OF THE
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE
FOR
NORTH AMERICA.

REVISED TO JULY 1, 1897.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND POWER.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known by the name, style and title of

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL

OF THE

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE
MYSTIC SHRINE

FOR

NORTH AMERICA.

SECT. 2. It has power to enact Laws, Statutes and Regulations for the government of the whole Order; to issue Edicts; to amend or repeal the same; to grant dispensations and charters for holding Temples of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine within its jurisdiction; and to amend or revoke the same. Its authority also extends to such Temples as may be organized under its dispensations or charters in foreign countries.

SECT. 3. It has the exclusive right to control all the subordinate Temples of the Order within its jurisdiction. It may censure, suspend and erase Temples; and try, discipline, suspend, or expel its members for violation and disobedience of its Constitution, Regulations and Edicts.

SECT. 4. It is the body to which all final appeals shall be made on all matters of importance emanating from subordinate Temples.

SECT. 5. This Imperial Council being a legislative body, acknowledging no superior, permits an appeal to be taken by any Representative from the decision of the chair on any question under consideration herein. *Provided*, however, that such appeal shall not be sustained unless two-thirds of all the Representatives present shall vote therefor.

ARTICLE II.

SESSIONS.

SECTION 1. The Imperial Council shall meet annually, at such time and place as shall have been determined by a majority of the Representatives at the previous session.

SECT. 2. Special sessions may be called by the Imperial Potentate in any emergency, at any time and place in his discretion, or, when requested by seven Representatives to this Imperial Council, five of whom shall be members of separate Temples, it shall be his duty so to do; due notice to be given to each subordinate Temple and to each Representative to the Imperial Council, stating the business to be considered; and no other business than that specified in the call or summons shall be transacted.

SECT. 3. All sessions shall be opened in full and ample form.

SECT. 4. Seven Representatives, five of whom shall be Representatives of separate Temples, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECT. 5. At every session, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes (except alterations of this constitution, as herein provided), the presiding officer not being entitled to a vote except in case the vote is equally divided, when he shall have the casting vote.

SECT. 6. At each session, when the Imperial Potentate shall have called the Imperial Council to order, the Committee on Credentials shall immediately determine as to the credentials of the Representatives.

SECT. 7. Notices of sessions of the Imperial Council shall be issued at least 30 days prior to such sessions.

ARTICLE III.

REPRESENTATIVES.

SECTION 1. Representation in the Imperial Council shall be apportioned as follows: To every Temple working by authority of a charter granted by this Imperial Council there shall be one Representative, who must be a member of the Temple electing him. Each Temple shall be entitled to two Representatives when its membership reaches three hundred, three Representatives when its membership reaches four hundred, and four Representatives when its membership reaches six hundred; but no Temple shall be allowed more than four Representatives.

SECT. 2. The Representatives shall be chosen as follows: Each Temple shall annually elect by ballot such Representative or Representatives as it shall be entitled to, and a certified record of such election shall be forwarded to the Imperial Recorder, which credential shall be countersigned by the Recorder of the subordinate Temple, who shall also affix the seal of the Temple thereto.

SECT. 3. The number of membership by which the number of Representatives shall be determined shall be the membership of the Temple on the date of its annual meeting for the election of officers in December of each year.

SECT. 4. Any Representative of the Imperial Council who shall remove and reside permanently out of its jurisdiction, be suspended or expelled by a subordinate Temple, or found guilty of a criminal offence, shall thereby have vacated his office.

SECT. 5. All Past Imperial Potentates shall be Representatives *ad vitam*. The Imperial Council may, at its pleasure, elect any member of the Order an emeritus member of the Imperial Council. Said emeritus member or members shall have a voice in the proceedings of the Imperial Council, but shall have no other privileges or emoluments.

SECT. 6. Representatives shall be entitled to mileage and per diem expenses when in attendance at the sessions of the Imperial Council and no Representative or Representatives, except Past Imperial Potentates, shall be entitled to mileage beyond the aggregate amount paid to the Imperial Council for that year, by such Temple as he or they represent, and no deficiency shall be chargeable to a succeeding year.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS—THEIR TITLES, ELECTION, INSTALLATION, AND TENURE OF OFFICE.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Imperial Council shall be as follows, viz.:—

- I. IMPERIAL POTENTATE.
- II. IMPERIAL DEPUTY POTENTATE.
- III. IMPERIAL CHIEF RABBAN.
- IV. IMPERIAL ASSISTANT RABBAN.
- V. IMPERIAL HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET.
- VI. IMPERIAL ORIENTAL GUIDE.
- VII. IMPERIAL TREASURER.
- VIII. IMPERIAL RECORDER.
- IX. IMPERIAL FIRST CEREMONIAL MASTER.
- X. IMPERIAL SECOND CEREMONIAL MASTER OR STANDARD-BEARER.

XI. IMPERIAL MARSHAL.

XII. IMPERIAL CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.

XIII. IMPERIAL OUTER GUARD.

All of whom must be Representatives to the Imperial Council.

SECT. 2. The first eight officers shall be elected by ballot and by a majority vote, at each Annual Session. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the Imperial Potentate, and shall hold their office until their successors are elected, appointed and installed.

SECT. 3. The election of officers shall take place immediately after the transaction of all unfinished business, and the reception and disposal of the reports of the officers.

SECT. 4. The officers of the Imperial Council and of every subordinate Temple in the jurisdiction, before they enter upon the exercise of their respective duties, shall take the following obligation :—

“ I (name in full), do solemnly promise and vow that I will faithfully and to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected, and that I will strictly conform to the requirements of the Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council for North America.”

ARTICLE V.

IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

SECTION 1. The Imperial Potentate is the executive officer of the Order within the jurisdiction of this Imperial Council. He may suspend, until the next session of the Imperial Council or for a less time, any officer of the Imperial Council or any Temple or officer thereof for violation or disobedience of the Constitution, regulations or edicts of the Imperial Council.

SECT. 2. He shall preside over all stated and special sessions of the Imperial Council, and at his pleasure, over all sessions of subordinate Temples which he shall favor with his presence.

SECT. 3. When, in his judgment, the good of the Order requires it, he shall have power to call special sessions of the Imperial Council specifying the business to be laid before it.

SECT. 4. During the recess of the Imperial Council, he is invested with a general supervision of the Order through the jurisdiction. He shall have a yearly contingent fund in such an amount as the Imperial Council may vote for each ensuing year, out of which all expenses of his office shall be defrayed.

SECT. 5. He shall have power to confer the Order “ at sight ” either in person or by a deputy authorized for that purpose, but only for the purpose of organizing new Temples under dispensation in unoccupied territory ; and the fees therefor shall be returned into the treasury of the Temple organized under dispensation. The minimum fee in such cases shall be twenty-five dollars for each and every candidate.

SECT. 6. Each Temple may be visited for the purpose of inspection by the Imperial Potentate, or by some Representative from the Imperial Council deputized by him for that purpose, at least once during his term of office.

SECT. 7. He may do all such other acts, and perform all such other duties, not inconsistent with this Constitution, as, in his judgment, the interests of the Order require.

ARTICLE VI.

IMPERIAL DEPUTY POTENTATE.

The Imperial Deputy Potentate, in the event of the death, removal, or physical disability of the Imperial Potentate, shall act, with full power, in his place and stead until the disqualification is removed. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be designated by his superior.

ARTICLE VII.

IMPERIAL CHIEF AND ASSISTANT RABBANS.

The Imperial Chief Rabban and Imperial Assistant Rabban, in the absence of their superiors, shall severally and respectively assume the responsibilities and discharge the duties of their superior officers according to rank. At all other times they shall discharge the duties traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

ARTICLE VIII.

IMPERIAL RECORDER.

SECTION 1. The Imperial Recorder shall attend all sessions of the Imperial Council, and shall keep a true record of all the work, deliberations and transactions of the Imperial Council, and transcribe the same in a book for that purpose.

SECT. 2. He shall collect and receive all the revenue of the Imperial Council, and pay over the amount to the Imperial Treasurer whenever the sum reaches the amount of one hundred dollars. Before entering upon the duties of his office he shall give a bond to the Imperial Potentate in the sum of ten thousand dollars.

SECT. 3. He shall forward to each newly constituted Temple, immediately upon such Temple receiving dispensation, a copy of this Constitution, together with such other statutes and edicts as are in force.

SECT. 4. He shall make an annual report of his accounts, and also a summary of the returns of the subordinate Temples showing the number of the members of each; also the admissions, rejections, suspensions, expulsions, dismissions and deaths. He shall have his books, papers and accounts present at the opening of each annual session prepared for examination by the Committee on Finance and Accounts;

shall have in custody the official seal of the Imperial Council, and affix it to all official communications; notify the members of the Imperial Council of the annual and special sessions, and perform such other duties appertaining to his office as may be required; and at the expiration of his term of office deliver to his successor all books, papers, or other property in his possession, belonging to the Imperial Council.

SECT. 5. He shall receive for his services such compensation as the Imperial Council shall from time to time designate.

ARTICLE IX.

IMPERIAL TREASURER.

It is the duty of the Imperial Treasurer to attend all sessions of the Imperial Council, with the books and papers of his office. He shall receive all moneys from the Imperial Recorder, giving his receipt therefor, and shall deposit the same in a National Bank in the name of, and subject to the order of, this Imperial Council. He shall pay all orders authorized to be drawn on him by the Imperial Council; such orders to be signed by the Imperial Recorder and countersigned by the Imperial Potentate, and issued in payment of an appropriation, or in accordance with an order previously made by the Imperial Council, and, before entering upon the duties of his office, give his bond to the Imperial Potentate in the sum of twenty thousand dollars; and shall, at each annual session, render a correct account of his receipts and disbursements; and, at the expiration of his term of office, he shall deliver to his successor all moneys, books, papers or other property that may be in his possession or under his control, as Imperial Treasurer. He shall receive for his services the sum of two hundred dollars per annum.

ARTICLE X.

OTHER OFFICERS.

The remaining officers are to perform such duties as are appropriate to their several stations, or as may be assigned to them by the Imperial Council or the Imperial Potentate.

ARTICLE XI.

COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The following Standing Committees, each consisting of five members, to be appointed by the Imperial Potentate at least sixty days before the meeting of the Imperial Council, shall examine and report to the Imperial Council upon the several matters referred to them.

CREDENTIALS. Whose duty it shall be to examine and report upon the credentials of the newly elected representatives.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS. They shall particularly examine the work and records of each Temple under dispensation and asking for charter, and report to the Imperial Council such action as they shall deem proper.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS. It shall be their duty to examine the books and vouchers of the Imperial Treasurer and Imperial Recorder, and report to the Imperial Council the actual condition of the finances, books and accounts.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS. All matters of controversy, appeal or grievance brought before the Imperial Council shall be referred to this committee, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same and report their action thereon.

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS. To them shall be referred all propositions to revise, alter or amend the Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council, as well as all other matters on questions of law or usage; and they shall report thereon, in writing, to the Imperial Council. They shall meet at least one day in advance of the meeting of the Imperial Council, when they shall be placed in possession of all papers and matters pertaining to the work of their committee.

MILEAGE AND PAY OF REPRESENTATIVES. To them shall be referred all matters pertaining to the mileage and pay of Representatives, and they shall report, by resolution or otherwise, what action should be taken, if any, by the Imperial Council.

TRANSACTIONS OF IMPERIAL OFFICERS. To them shall be referred the annual addresses of the Imperial Potentate and Deputy Imperial Potentate for topical reference to various committees for their consideration.

NECROLOGY. To them shall be referred the names and records of the Illustrious Dead of the Order, that a fitting memorial may be made in our printed proceedings of the good deeds of those who have entered into the Unseen Temple.

ARTICLE XII.

DEPUTIES.

SECTION 1. Deputies may be appointed by the Imperial Potentate for a specific purpose, which shall be set forth in the commissions issued, which shall be executed without unnecessary delay; and the appointment shall cease when the said purposes shall have been executed. It shall be the duty of each Deputy appointed under the provisions of this section to *return* his authority to the Imperial Potentate with a written report of his action thereunder. The expenses incurred by Deputies shall be paid by the Imperial Treasurer when approved by the Imperial Potentate.

ARTICLE XIII.

DISPENSATIONS FOR TEMPLES.

SECTION 1. The Imperial Potentate shall have power, during the recess, to grant Letters of Dispensation to seven or more petitioners properly recommended, possessing the constitutional qualifications, empowering them to form and open a Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. This dispensation shall cease at the next annual session of the Imperial Council, or be continued, recalled, or a charter granted by order of the Imperial Council.

SECT. 2. No dispensation shall be issued unless the petition shall be recommended by the nearest Temple of the Order, but in the event of the refusal of the said nearest Temple to grant consent, it shall be within the power of the Imperial Council, duly assembled, to grant said dispensation without said consent, should they deem it for the best interests of the Order to do so. In each State and Territory within the United States where two or more Temples of the Order exist, no charter or dispensation shall be granted, except by action of the Imperial Council. Should any Temple of the Order have its charter recalled by the action of the Imperial Council, no new charter can be granted provided there be remaining two Temples of the Order within such State or Territory, except by action of the Imperial Council. When an application for a dispensation in unoccupied territory is received, the Temple nearest the site of the proposed new Temple shall be notified of the application for said dispensation, at least thirty days prior to the issuing of the same, that reasons may be assigned, if any, against said dispensation being issued; but nothing in this section shall be construed to impair the prerogative of the Imperial Potentate to issue dispensations in unoccupied territory. The petitioners must give satisfactory evidence of good standing, of a suitable place of meeting, of possessing or having the ability to procure proper furniture and paraphernalia for the use of the Temple, and of being competent to conduct intelligently the ceremonies, work and government thereof.

SECT. 3. No dispensation shall be continued if granted more than six (6) months prior to any regular session of the Imperial Council, neither shall any charter be granted to any Temple not having provided itself with a *seal*, a *proper place of meeting*, and the *necessary paraphernalia* for conferring the Order.

SECT. 4. The petitioners for a dispensation, members of the Temple whose consent is required, are not barred from voting on the question of consent.

SECT. 5. A Temple under dispensation is only liable for dues for the fractional part of the year that it was in existence, in addition to the *per capita* dues on members created.

SECT. 6. A Temple holding a dispensation or charter has a legal existence and legal jurisdiction, and whether it works or not, such jurisdiction cannot be gainsaid except by action of the Imperial Council.

SECT. 7. A Temple under dispensation has no right to elect officers, nor is a Potentate of a Temple under dispensation entitled to the rank of a Past Potentate. A Temple under dispensation is not entitled to representation in the Imperial Council.

A Noble signing a petition for a dispensation for a Temple becomes a member of the Temple under dispensation and is amenable to it for dues. He should pay dues to the Temple of which he was a member prior to the issuing of the dispensation only up to the date of the dispensation of the new Temple, and his membership in the chartered Temple remains in abeyance until a charter is granted to the new Temple.

If the dispensation of a new Temple is taken up, and no charter issued, the membership of all Nobles reverts to the Temples of which they were members prior to the issuing of the dispensation.

When a dispensation to any Temple is recalled and no charter issued, all Nobles created in said Temple become members of the Order at large, subject to the authority of the Imperial Council, and are entitled to a certificate to that effect from the Imperial Recorder, which certificate has the force of a dimit for purpose of affiliation.

Upon the receipt of a charter it is the duty of the Potentate of the Temple chartered to cause the Recorder to certify that fact to all Temples in which the charter members formerly held their membership and their membership in said Temples thereupon terminates.

ARTICLE XIV.

JURISDICTION OF TEMPLES.

SECTION 1. The territorial jurisdiction of subordinate Temples, chartered by this Imperial Council, extends in all directions to one-half the distance, by a direct line, between itself and the nearest Temple. *Provided*, that in no case can it extend beyond the limits of the State, Territory, or district to which it is located, *provided*, also, that Temples occupying the same State or Territory may agree upon concurrent jurisdiction within or an equitable division of their territory, should they so desire; *provided*, also, that the Imperial Council may declare concurrent jurisdiction or an equitable division of territory between all Temples in States where more than one Temple exists, should it appear for the best interests of the Order to do so, but only after said disputing Temples have failed to agree upon concurrent jurisdiction or an equitable division of territory.

SECT. 2. A Temple shall not act upon a petition for initiation of any one residing within the jurisdiction of another Temple without first obtaining permission of such Temple. It shall be competent in such cases for a Temple to waive its jurisdiction, and permit another Temple to confer the Order upon one residing within its jurisdiction; and such authority shall be given only under the seal of the Temple so granting it. Temples having concurrent jurisdiction must notify each other of all petitions received. It shall be the duty of the Imperial Potentate to suspend the work of any Temple violating the provisions of this section until the next meeting of the Imperial Council.

SECT. 3. Each Temple is sovereign in its own jurisdiction whether under dispensation or chartered, and no applicant, resident in such jurisdiction, can apply elsewhere for the Order without the consent of the Temple. Where two Temples hold concurrent jurisdiction over territory the consent of both will be necessary to enable an applicant of that jurisdiction to become a member of a Temple in any other jurisdiction.

SECT. 4. Temples may open and confer the Order at any place within their jurisdiction, notice being given of such intent and candidates having been previously elected, but no other business can be transacted at such sessions except the necessary preliminaries toward conferring the Order. A Temple may hold a Ceremonial Session in States or Territories where no Temples exist, provided they obtain a special dispensation from the Imperial Potentate empowering them so to do.

ARTICLE XV.

INITIATION FEE.

The Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine shall not be conferred upon any one for a less sum than twenty-five (25) dollars; but Temples may increase the amount at their pleasure.

ARTICLE XVI.

FEES AND REVENUES.

SECTION 1. The revenue of the Imperial Council shall be derived from the following sources:—

For every dispensation to form and open a Temple, there shall be required and paid one hundred dollars, which must accompany the application for dispensation, and when a charter is granted an additional sum of fifty dollars shall be paid before the charter is delivered.

SECT. 2. Each subordinate Temple shall pay to the Imperial Council the sum of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) for each and every candidate receiving the Order of Noble of the Mystic Shrine within such Temple, which sum shall be forwarded immediately to the Imperial Recorder, who shall forthwith issue a diploma of the Imperial Council to each and every candidate.

SECT. 3. Each subordinate Temple shall pay annually to the Imperial Council, in accordance with its membership, the following sum :—

For 100 members or less . . . Fifteen dollars (\$15)
 For all members over and above 100 members fifteen cents
 for each member.

The dues shall accompany the annual return of every Temple to the Imperial Council.

SECT. 4. For every copy of the Oriental Ritual the fee shall be five (5) dollars. They shall be issued only upon the application of a regular Temple of the Order, but no more than three copies shall be issued to any one Temple, and then only upon order of the Imperial Potentate.

ARTICLE XVII.

THE RITUAL

The Ritual, as promulgated by the Imperial Council for the use of the Order in its jurisdiction, shall be adopted uniformly by every Temple, and no alterations or additions shall be made in the Ritual, except by authority of the Imperial Council, and every departure therefrom will be considered as an indignity to the same.

ARTICLE XVIII.

REGALIA.

SECTION 1. The emblems, jewels and costumes for every office in this Order, as promulgated by the Imperial Council in the Ritual, shall be strictly adhered to.

SECT. 2. The Red Turkish Fez is adopted as a uniform style of head covering for all Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

ARTICLE XIX.

EMBLEMS AND JEWELS.

The Emblems and Jewels of the Mystic Shrine are the characteristic Insignia of the Oriental nation from which the Order emanates. They are the Crescent, Pyramid, Sphinx Head, Panther-Bodied Female Sphinx, the Urn, Sun, Moon, Stars, etc., and are used to decorate the Tombs, Banners, Draperies, Costumes, Regalia, etc. In mourning drapery, the combination is the Sun with rays, Moon and Stars.

CRESCENT.

The original and universal Emblematic Jewel is the Crescent formed of two nails from a Tiger's Paw, united at their bases with a band of gold, and a ring at the base to suspend it as a charm or Jewel, to be hung points downward. The gold band should be decorated with

the Sphinx Head on one side, a Pyramid with the Urn upon it on the other; the name of the owner, and the date of his receiving the Order, engraved upon the sides; and inside the circle "Allah" or God, and the motto of the Order, which is "Robur et Furor," and signifies "Strength and Fury." Every Noble of the Mystic Shrine is entitled to wear this Jewel. The combining of the emblems of other secret orders with the Jewel of the Shrine is deemed inappropriate, and is therefore prohibited.

The wearing of the Fez and Jewel of the Order on occasions other than meetings of Temples of the Arabic Order, or gatherings of Shriners under the authority of some legal body of the Order, is ill-advised, and Potentates are expected to prevent such action by their members

ARTICLE XX.

SUBORDINATE TEMPLES—HOW CONSTITUTED.

SECTION 1. All regular subordinate bodies of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine are termed Temples, and shall consist of the following officers:—

I.	ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE		<i>Shayk</i>
II.	CHIEF RABBAN		<i>Emeer</i>
III.	ASSISTANT RABBAN		<i>Sahib</i>
IV.	HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET		<i>Imam</i>
V.	ORIENTAL GUIDE		<i>Ayn</i>
VI.	TREASURER		<i>Chayzin</i>
VII.	RECORDER		<i>Katib</i>
VIII.	FIRST CEREMONIAL MASTER		<i>Wakil</i>
IX.	SECOND CEREMONIAL MASTER OR STANDARD BEARER		<i>Alam</i>
X.	DIRECTOR		<i>Malah</i>
XI.	MARSHAL		<i>Amal</i>
XII.	CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD		<i>Rays</i>
XIII.	OUTER GUARD		<i>Haflz</i>

and as many members as the Temple may admit.

The first seven officers shall be elected annually by ballot. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the Illustrious Potentate.

SECT. 2. When a charter is granted the members of the Temple receiving it must hold an election of officers as soon after its reception as possible.

ARTICLE XXI.

ENTHRONEMENT.

Previous to the enthronement of a Potentate-elect, the Imperial Council requires his assent to the following Ordinances:—

First Do you solemnly vow, upon your honor, that you will exert your best endeavors to promote the true happiness of your brother Nobles of the Mystic Shrine?

Second. That you will endeavor to promote the general good of the Order, and preserve the solemnity of the ceremonies with profound respect and reverence?

Third. That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any Temple which does not work under constitutional authority as recognized by the Imperial Council?

Fourth. That you will ever maintain and support the authority of the Imperial Council for North America, and enforce obedience to its Constitution, Regulations and Edicts?

Do you submit to all these Ordinances, and promise to observe and practice them faithfully?

ARTICLE XXII.

ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE — DUTIES.

The Illustrious Potentate is specially charged to see that the By-Laws of his Temple are duly observed, as well as of the Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council; that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered; that regular returns are made to the Imperial Council, and that the annual dues are promptly paid; and that no fewer than two sessions are held annually, of which one shall be held in December.

ARTICLE XXIII.

OFFICERS OF TEMPLES — DUTIES.

SECTION 1. The duties of the officers of the Temple shall be those assigned to them in the ritual, and as traditionally appropriate to them respectively, as also those defined in the Constitution and Regulations.

SECT. 2. The Potentate, Chief Rabban and Assistant Rabban cannot resign after having been duly elected *and installed*. Any other officer of a Temple may resign his office. No member can be forced to accept an election to an office.

ARTICLE XXIV.

PREREQUISITES FOR THE ORDER.

No application for the Order shall be received unless the applicant is a regular Knight Templar in good standing, or a Thirty-second Degree Mason of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the obedience of either of the Supreme Councils for the Northern or for the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction of such Rite in the United States, and those Supreme Councils which are in amity with and recognized by them. Each application for the Order shall be made upon the form of petition provided by the Imperial Council. To receive and ballot upon petitions at a SPECIAL MEETING, a Temple must apply for and receive a Special Dispensation from the Imperial Potentate authorizing them so to do, in which event

the members of the Temple must receive due and timely notice of the proposed election of candidates under the said dispensation. The penalty for violation of this Article shall be the suspension of the charter of the Temple so offending until the next session of the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XXV.

BALLOT ON CANDIDATES.

SECTION 1. If, upon the balloting for a candidate, subsequent to a favorable report, three black balls shall appear, another ballot shall immediately be had, but no more; upon the appearance of three black balls a second time, the candidate shall be declared rejected, and disqualified from making a second application for thirteen weeks.

SECT. 2. After a candidate has been declared elected, any subsequent objection or protest must be filed in writing, signed by at least three members of the body, and must stand. Said objection shall be entered upon the minutes, and shall have the same force and effect as a second ballot, and shall prevent a reconsideration of the matter for thirteen weeks.

ARTICLE XXVI.

DECISION OF QUESTIONS.

All questions shall be determined by a majority of votes.

The presiding officer shall have no vote unless there be a tie, when he shall have the deciding vote.

No appeal from the decision of the Illustrious Potentate shall lie to the Temple. Any member may appeal from the decision of the Illustrious Potentate to the Imperial Potentate, whose decision shall stand until the same shall be revoked or approved by the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XXVII.

NAMES OF TEMPLES.

Every Temple formed in this jurisdiction shall select an ancient Arabic or Egyptian name, according to the ancient laws of the Order.

ARTICLE XXVIII.

SEAL OF TEMPLES.

Every Temple in this jurisdiction shall have a seal, giving the name thereof, an impression of which shall be deposited with the Imperial Recorder.

ARTICLE XXIX.

BY-LAWS.

Each Temple is required to forward a copy of its By-Laws to the Imperial Council for approval, and also, when such approval has been received, to forward to the Imperial Council a copy of such By-Laws.

ARTICLE XXX.

MEMBERSHIP IN TEMPLES.

SECTION 1. Any person applying for the degrees to any Temple, shall be an actual resident of the jurisdiction of the Temple to which he applies for at least six months. Membership may be terminated by voluntary dismission upon payment of all indebtedness to the Temple, or by expulsion from the Order after due trial, and a vote of three-fourths of the members present when the vote is taken.

Membership is suspended by a member uniting in the formation of a Temple under dispensation, and dissolved by the granting of a charter to the new Temple, unless the member gives notice in writing, or personally in open session, at or before the surrender of the dispensation, of his intention to resume his former membership.

SECT. 2. A member can hold active membership in but one Temple. A Noble can dimit from Commandery and Consistory and still hold membership in his Temple as long as he be in good standing in both of the prerequisite bodies, under the laws of the jurisdiction in which he resides.

SECT. 3. Affiliation is a matter solely between the applicant and the Temple to which he applies. A Noble of the Mystic Shrine, holding a dimit from a legal Temple, may present his petition to any Temple of the Order.

SECT. 4. An offense committed by a Noble, which has caused his suspension or expulsion in any Order, membership in which is a prerequisite to this Order, such expulsion or suspension must similarly affect his standing in his Temple.

SECT. 5. A member may be suspended for non-payment of dues, and suspended or expelled for conduct unbecoming a member of the Order.

To suspend for non-payment of dues, a majority vote only of the members present at any regular meeting shall be necessary, provided notice has been given to the delinquent member that he is in arrears and an opportunity afforded him to be present.

For conduct unbecoming a member of the Order, it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the members present to suspend membership, and a vote of three-fourths of the members present to expel a member at any regular meeting.

No member of a Temple can be suspended or expelled for conduct unbecoming a member, without formal charges being presented, notice served upon him and an opportunity afforded him to be heard in his defense.

SECT. 6. Any member of a Temple may object to the presence in his (the objector's) own Temple of any visiting member of the Order should he desire to do so.

SECT. 7. Any Noble suspended or expelled by his Temple may be reinstated by such Temple on written petition and vote and by the same majority suspending or expelling him, and on payment of all arrearages in case of suspension for non-payment of dues.

SECT. 8. A Noble cannot visit any other Temple than his own, except he exhibit to the Temple which he desires to visit a certificate signed by the Recorder of his own Temple and bearing the seal thereof, that such Noble is in good and regular standing. Such certificate shall be in effect only during the year in which it is dated. The form of the certificate shall be uniform in all Temples as follows:—

—— Temple, A.·A.·O.·N.·M.·S.· of —— . This is to certify that Noble —— is a member of —— Temple, and declared to be in good and regular standing during the year 189—.

Dated the —— day of ——, 189—.

[SEAL]

Recorder.

(Signature of member.)

ARTICLE XXXI.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Honorary membership may be conferred by subordinate Temples upon any member of this Order, as a compliment, by a majority vote, but such membership confers no rights or privileges.

ARTICLE XXXII.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Every Temple shall annually elect its officers and its Representative or Representatives to the Imperial Council at a stated session to be held in December, and the installation of officers shall take place immediately or at its first succeeding session. If a public installation of officers be deemed desirable, the officers-elect must take the oath of office in the body of the Temple when properly guarded, and prior to the public ceremonies of installation. Should it be impossible to hold the election as required above, a special dispensation to hold said election must be obtained from the Imperial Potentate. In the event of the resignation of any officer, or representative, the Temple may elect a successor without special dispensation for that purpose, provided notice is given the members of the Temple that said election will be held.

ARTICLE XXXIII.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

Every subordinate Temple shall on the 1st day of May or within ten days thereafter in each year, transmit to the Imperial Recorder, in such

form as shall be furnished, its annual return, accompanied by the dues to the Imperial Council, as provided by Article XVI. of this Constitution.

The initiation fee of two dollars and fifty cents for every initiate, shall be paid in accordance with Article XVI. of this Constitution.

Any Temple neglecting or refusing to make its annual returns on or before May 10, accompanied by the fees and dues, shall be notified thereof; and if, after fifteen days' notice, it fails to fully comply, it shall be suspended by the Imperial Potentate until restored by a vote of the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XXXIV.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. The Imperial Council shall be competent, upon the concurrence of three-fourths of the members present at any session, to revise, amend, and alter this Constitution.

SECT. 2. Any member intending to submit a motion relative to a change in the Constitution, Statutes or Regulations, shall give notice thereof in writing, to the Imperial Recorder, at least two months prior to the day on which the session at which said subject is to be discussed is to be held, and notice thereof shall be inserted in the summons; otherwise no such motion shall be entertained, unless the failure to publish the same in the summons is by fault of the officer charged with the duty of issuing it.

SECT. 3. All amendments proposed may be modified in any manner by the Imperial Council while the same is under consideration; no modification, however, shall be made not germane to the matter contained in the original proposed amendment. It shall require a two-thirds vote to change the Constitution in the case of any amendment offered, in accordance with Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this article.

SECT. 4. All amendments to the Constitution and Laws shall be reduced to writing. The entire section to be amended must be fully written out as the same will read with the proposed amendment incorporated therein.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

IMPROPER PUBLICATIONS. WHEREAS, The practice of certain Temples of the Mystic Shrine, owing fealty to this Imperial Council, in introducing immoral, low, vulgar and obscene actions and ceremonies into the ritual is rapidly and justly bringing the Order into contempt, and must finally tend to the disruption of the institution; and, inasmuch as such practices are evidently countenanced and permitted by certain Potentates and presiding officers of Temples, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Imperial Council hereby emphatically condemns all immoral and vulgar practices, and declares that a repetition of such proceedings shall be sufficient cause for the revocation of the charter of any such Temple.

Resolved, That hereafter the Illustrious Potentate, or presiding officer for the time being, of each Temple shall be held personally responsible for not immediately arresting any attempt at such vulgarity and obscenity, and will render himself subject to expulsion from the Order. — (Proceedings, 1890, page 51.)

PAYMENT BY CHECK. *Resolved*, That the Imperial Treasurer shall pay each Representative entitled to mileage and per diem by check, and take his receipt therefor. The check to be drawn on the bank or banks in which the funds are deposited. — (Proceedings, 1891, page 53.)

ARABIC CALENDAR. *Resolved*, To make the Arabic Calendar, as prepared by Noble Charles A. Hiller of Salina, Kan., the official calendar of the Imperial Council. — (Proceedings, 1891, page 53.)

CREDENTIAL BLANKS. *Resolved*, That the Imperial Recorder be directed to prepare uniform credential blanks and mail them to the several Temples in ample time for filling out and presentation at the annual sessions of the Imperial Council. — (Proceedings, 1891, page 52.)

BADGE. *Resolved*, That the Imperial Council adopt and furnish a badge, to be worn only by delegates to the Imperial Council when in session, and that the same be sent to the Potentate of each Temple by the Imperial Recorder each year, preparatory to the meeting of the Imperial Council, and the same to be delivered to the Representatives by the Potentates. — (1892 Proceedings)

LIST OF EXPULSIONS, ETC. *Resolved*, That the Imperial Recorder is directed to issue to all Temples, quarterly, a list of all expulsions, suspensions and restorations reported to him. — (1893 Proceedings.)



PETITION FOR
INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP
ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

.....Temple

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF

.....Temple, situated in

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar in good standing in.....
Commandery, No.....situated at
State of.....; a 32°. degree A. & A. Scottish Rite Mason, in good standing, in.....
Consistory of.....; that I have resided within the jurisdiction of your Temple, or in unoccupied territory, not less than six months, as required by the Constitution of the Imperial Council, and that I am not under suspension or expulsion in either of the bodies prerequisite to this Order, and respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and become a member of your Temple.

I furthermore represent that I have never previously applied for said order, nor have I, to my knowledge, been rejected by any other Temple. If I be found worthy, and my request granted, I promise to conform to all the Ceremonies, Engagements, Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council; together with those of your Temple.
Birthplace.....
Date of birth.....day.....month.....year
Profession or occupation.....
Residence; No.....Street, City.....
Business or P.O. Address; No.....Street, City.....
Date.....
Signature (full name).....

Recommended and vouched for on the honor of

Noble

Noble

Fees, \$.....enclosed.

FORMS.

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION.

TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA :

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents that they are Knights Templar, or Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret 32^o, and in good standing as Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, residing in_____, and State of_____, and competent to form and open a Temple of this Order, and to properly discharge the various duties thereof, according to the requirements of the Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council of the Order.

Having the welfare and prosperity of the Order at heart, and being desirous of extending its benefits to worthy Knights Templar and Thirty-second Degree Masons, they pray for a Dispensation, empowering them to form, open, and hold a regular Temple of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at_____, and State of_____, to be designated as_____ Temple, and they beg to recommend Illustrious Noble_____ to be the first Illustrious Potentate of said Temple.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	PROFESSION.	COMMANDERY.	CONSISTORY.
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PETITION FOR AFFILIATION.

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF _____
TEMPLE, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC
SHRINE :

The undersigned, a regular Noble of the Mystic Shrine, initiated in _____ Temple, stationed at _____, and last a member of _____ Temple, held at _____, as may be seen by the inclosed Certificate of Demit, respectfully prays that he may be admitted a member of your Temple. He further states that he has not been suspended or expelled in either of the Orders prerequisite to membership in the Shrine since the date of issuing the Demit presented herewith.

Signature.....

Profession.....

Age

Residence.....

Recommended by.....

CERTIFICATE OF DEMIT.

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

WHEREAS, ——— a Worthy Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and a late Member of ——— Temple, held at ———, under a Charter from the Imperial Council for North America, has regularly withdrawn from said Temple, and conformed to its By-Laws; therefore he is hereby granted this testimonial of his conduct as a Worthy Noble of the Order during his continuance among us, and recommended to the favorable consideration of all true and Worthy Nobles throughout the globe.

Witness his and our hands and the seal of the Temple, this ——— day of 18 —.

Attest: (Signature) *Ne Varietur*
 Residence
 Age.....years Profession.....
 *Illustrious Potentate.*
 *Recorder.*

{ SEAL. }

DIPLOMA OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

ES SELAMU ALEIKUM.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

To all True and Faithful Nobles of the Mystic Shrine :

Know ye, that the Worthy Noble——, who has signed his name in the margin hereof, was regularly received, admitted and constituted a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, in —— Temple of ——, on the —— day of ——, 18 —, and that he is dully enrolled as such upon the Records of the Order.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the Seal of the Imperial Council for North America.

{ SEAL. }

Attest: ———, *Imperial Potentate.*
 ———, *Imperial Recorder.*

(Signature.) ——— *Ne Varietur.*

POCKET OR TRAVELLING CERTIFICATE.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA.

To all true and faithful Nobles of the Mystic Shrine :

Know ye, that the Worthy Brother ——, who has signed his name in the margin hereof, was regularly received, admitted and constituted

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL

a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, in _____ Temple of _____, on the _____ day of _____, 18—, and that he is duly enrolled as such upon the Records of the Order.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the Seal of the Imperial Council for North America.



_____, *Imperial Potentate.*

Attest: _____, *Imperial Recorder.*

Noble _____ is, at the date above written, a member in good standing in this Temple.



_____, *Recorder.*

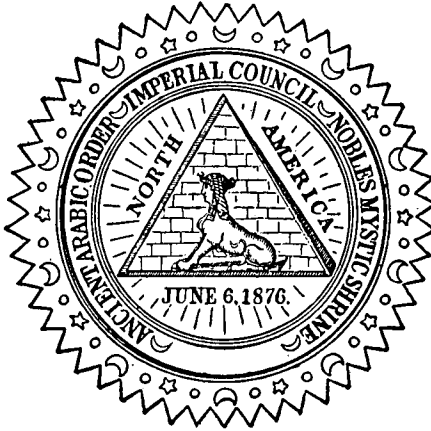
_____ *Temple.*

Ne Varietur.

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

1897-1898



1315-1316

• • Gregorian • and • Mohammedan • •

CALENDARS

ISSUED BY

BENJAMIN W. ROWELL,

Imperial Recorder,

28 SCHOOL STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.



1897



JULY

1897

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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192	193	194	195	196	197	198
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
199	200	201	202	203	204	205
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206	207	208	209	210	211	212

AUGUST

1897

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213	214	215	216	217	218	219
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220	221	222	223	224	225	226
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
227	228	229	230	231	232	233
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
234	235	236	237	238	239	240
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241	242	243				

SEPTEMBER

1897

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			244	245	246	247
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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255	256	257	258	259	260	261
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269	270	271	272	273		

OCTOBER

1897

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304						

NOVEMBER

1897

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	305	306	307	308	309	310
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311	312	313	314	315	316	317
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
318	319	320	321	322	323	324
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325	326	327	328	329	330	331
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332	333	334				

DECEMBER

1897

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			335	336	337	338
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339	340	341	342	343	344	345
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346	347	348	349	350	351	352
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
353	354	355	356	357	358	359
26	27	28	29	30	31	..
360	361	362	363	364	365	



1898



JANUARY

1898

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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30	31					

FEBRUARY

1898

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		32	33	34	35	36
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
37	38	39	40	41	42	43
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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58	59					

MARCH

1898

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		60	61	62	63	64
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
65	66	67	68	69	70	71
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
72	73	74	75	76	77	78
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
79	80	81	82	83	84	85
27	28	29	30	31	..	..
86	87	88	89	90		

APRIL

1898

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93	94	95	96	97	98	99
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
100	101	102	103	104	105	106
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
107	108	109	110	111	112	113
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
114	115	116	117	118	119	120

MAY

1898

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
121	122	123	124	125	126	127
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
128	129	130	131	132	133	134
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
135	136	137	138	139	140	141
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
142	143	144	145	146	147	148
29	30	31	..	..	..	..
149	150	151				

JUNE

1898

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
170	171	172	173	174	175	176
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177	178	179	180	181		

JULY

1898

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191	192	193	194	195	196	197
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1315

Safar,

2d Month. 1315.

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
185	186	187	188	189	190	191
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
192	193	194	195	196	197	198
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
199	200	201	202	203	204	205
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206	207	208	209	210	211	..

Rabih Ul Awwal,

3d Month. 1315.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
213	214	215	216	217	218	219
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227	228	229	230	231	232	233
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
234	235	236	237	238	239	240
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Rabih Ul Akhir,

4th Month. 1315.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
..	1	2	3	4	5	6
..	242	243	244	245	246	247
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	..	..	..	..	..
269	270	..	..	..	..	..

Jamaz Ul Awwal,

5th Month. 1315.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
..	..	271	272	273	274	275
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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297	298	299	300	..	..	..

Jamaz Ul Akhir,

6th Month. 1315.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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25	26	27	28	29	..	..
325	326	327	328	329	..	..

Rajab,

7th Month. 1315.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
..	..	..	..	..	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
332	333	334	335	336	337	338
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
339	340	341	342	343	344	345
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
346	347	348	349	350	351	352
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
353	354	355	356	357	358	359

Shaaban,

8th Month. 1315.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
360	361	362	363	364	365	1
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
29	..	..	..	..	..	..
23	..	..	..	..	..	..

Ramadan,

9th Month. 1315.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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..	24	25	26	27	28	29
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
37	38	39	40	41	42	43
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Shawwal,

10th Month. 1315.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
..	..	..	54	55	56	57
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58	59	60	61	62	63	64
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
65	66	67	68	69	70	71
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
72	73	74	75	76	77	78
26	27	28	29	..	..	..
79	80	81	82	..	..	..

Duh'l Kaada,

11th Month. 1315.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
..	..	..	..	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
86	87	88	89	90	91	92
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
93	94	95	96	97	98	99
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
100	101	102	103	104	105	106
25	26	27	28	29	30	..
107	108	109	110	111	112	..

Duh'l Hajja,

12th Month. 1315.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
..	..	..	..	..	..	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
114	115	116	117	118	119	120
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
121	122	123	124	125	126	127
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
128	129	130	131	132	133	134
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
135	136	137	138	139	140	141

1316

Moharrum,

1st Month. 1316.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
142	143	144	145	146	147	148
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
149	150	151	152	153	154	155
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
156	157	158	159	160	161	162
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
163	164	165	166	167	168	169
29	30	..	..	..	..	..
170	171	..	..	..	..	..

Safar,

2d Month. 1316.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
..	..	172	173	174	175	176
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
177	178	179	180	181	182	183
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
184	185	186	187	188	189	190
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
191	192	193	194	195	196	197
27	28	29	..	..	..	..
198	199	200	..	..	..	..

Mohammedan Years.

Each period of thirty years from the Hegira, or July 15, 622 A.D., constitutes a cycle.

Eleven of these years have a day added at the end of the year, and are shown below by a star.

44th CYCLE.

YEAR	DAY OF	COMMENCEMENT	YEAR	DAY OF	COMMENCEMENT
1291	Wednesday	18 February, 1874	*1306	Friday	7 September, 1888
*1292	Sunday	7 February, 1875	1307	Wednesday	28 August, 1889
1293	Friday	28 January, 1876	*1308	Sunday	17 August, 1890
1294	Tuesday	16 January, 1877	1309	Friday	7 August, 1891
*1295	Saturday	5 January, 1878	1310	Tuesday	26 July, 1892
1296	Thursday	26 December, 1878	*1311	Saturday	15 July, 1893
*1297	Monday	15 December, 1879	1312	Thursday	5 July, 1894
1298	Saturday	4 December, 1880	1313	Monday	24 June, 1895
1299	Wednesday	23 November, 1881	*1314	Friday	12 June, 1896
*1300	Sunday	12 November, 1882	1315	Wednesday	2 June, 1897
1301	Friday	2 November, 1883	*1316	Sunday	22 May, 1898
1302	Tuesday	21 October, 1884	1317	Friday	12 May, 1899
*1303	Saturday	10 October, 1885	1318	Tuesday	1 May, 1900
1304	Thursday	30 September, 1886	*1319	Saturday	20 April, 1901
1305	Monday	19 September, 1887	1320	Thursday	10 April, 1902

MONTHS	DAYS	MONTHS	DAYS
Moharrum	30	Rajab	30
Safar	29	Shaaban	29
Rabih I	30	Ramadan	30
Rabih II	29	Shawwal	29
Jamaz I	30	Dhu'l Kaada	30
Jamaz II	29	Dhu'l Hajja	29
		And in some years }	30

Explanation of the Calendar.

The Mohammedan year contains twelve months of thirty and twenty-nine days alternately, except leap year, when the twelfth month has thirty days. The small numbers, from 1 to 365, are the days of the Gregorian year, and are affixed to corresponding days in both calendars.

Example: Tenth Day of the 7th Month, 1315 (marked 339 in red), is the 5th day of December, 1897 (also marked 339 in red).

What day in the Mohammedan year is July 4, 1897?

Over 185 (in red) in the Mohammedan Calendar, is found Sunday, the 3d day of the 2d Month, Safar, 1315.



Estherbert L. Allen

IMPERIAL POTENTATE

مجلس السلاطاني

THE

Imperial Council

الحوية قدم عربي

Ancient Arabic Order

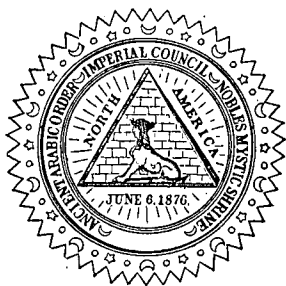
OF THE

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

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FOR NORTH AMERICA.

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TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS,
JUNE 14, 1898,
HELD AT DALLAS, TEXAS.

A. H. 1316 — A. D. 1898.

IMPERIAL COUNCIL,
ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER
OF THE
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FOR
NORTH AMERICA



OFFICERS FOR 1898 AND 1899.

ETHELBERT F. ALLEN	<i>Imperial Potentate</i>
N.W. COR. 9TH AND WYANDOTTE STS., KANSAS CITY, MO.	
JOHN H. ATWOOD	<i>Imperial Deputy Potentate</i>
LEAVENWORTH, KAN.	
LOU B. WINSOR	<i>Imperial Chief Rabban</i>
REED CITY, MICH.	
PHILIP C. SHAFFER	<i>Imperial Assistant Rabban</i>
PHILADELPHIA, PA.	
HENRY C. AKIN	<i>Imperial High Priest and Prophet</i>
OMAHA, NEB.	
GEORGE H. GREEN	<i>Imperial Oriental Guide</i>
DALLAS, TEXAS.	
WILLIAM S. BROWN	<i>Imperial Treasurer</i>
520 WOOD ST., PITTSBURGH, PA.	
BENJAMIN W. ROWELL	<i>Imperial Recorder</i>
28 SCHOOL ST., BOSTON, MASS.	
HENRY A. COLLINS	<i>Imperial First Ceremonial Master</i>
TORONTO, CANADA.	
RIAL S. PECK	<i>Imperial Second Ceremonial Master</i>
HARTFORD, CONN.	
GEORGE L. BROWN	<i>Imperial Marshal</i>
BUFFALO, N. Y.	
ARCHIBALD N. SLOAN	<i>Imperial Captain of Guards</i>
CHATTANOOGA, TENN.	
ALVAH P. CLAYTON	<i>Imperial Outer Guard</i>
ST. JOSEPH, MO.	

Imperial Council
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OF THE

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FOR NORTH AMERICA.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION,

1898.

IN COMPLIANCE with the decision of the Special Committee on Time and Place of the Next Meeting, appointed at the Twenty-third Annual Session, held at Detroit, Mich., the Twenty-fourth Annual Session of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, was held in the Opera House, in the City of Dallas, Texas, commencing on Tuesday, June 14, 1898, at 10.15 o'clock A.M.; notice of which session was issued to all Officers, Representatives and Temples, as follows:—

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL

CALLS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER NOBLES OF THE
MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA.

OFFICE OF IMPERIAL POTENTATE,
DENVER, COL., March 28, 1898.

TO THE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, TO ALL POTENTATES OF SUBORDINATE TEMPLES, AND TO THE NOBILITY OF OUR ORDER,

ES SELAMU ALEIKUM.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Session of the Imperial Council will be held in the Opera House in the city of Dallas, Texas, on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 14 and 15, 1898.

The Headquarters of the Congress will be at the Oriental Hotel, where the Imperial Potentate, Imperial Recorder and Imperial Treasurer will have apartments for the transaction of business pertaining to their respective offices

Representatives and other Nobles desiring hotel accommodations are requested to communicate with Noble Joseph Swope, Chairman of Hotel Committee, Dallas, Texas, as soon as possible. Potentates and Representatives are reminded to file with the Imperial Recorder (two months prior to the date of this session) all papers referring to By-Laws, Appeals, Grievances, Reports, Amendments to the Constitution, etc., that the same may be in readiness for presentation to the proper committees.

Temples under dispensation will forward to the Imperial Recorder a report of all work done under dispensation, a copy of their by-laws, and the dispensation under which they are working, that recommendations may be made to the Imperial Council.

Potentates and Recorders of Temples are hereby reminded, that the annual returns of their Temples must be in the hands of the Imperial Recorder not later than May 10, 1898, and that said returns must be accompanied by checks for amount of work still unremitted for, and also the amount of annual dues. See Cons., Art. 33.

Yours in the faith,

A. B. MCGAFFEY,
Imperial Potentate.

B. W. ROWELL,
Imperial Recorder.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER NOBLES OF THE
MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA.

OFFICE OF IMPERIAL POTENTATE,
DENVER, COL., April 11, 1898.

TO THE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, TO ALL POTENTATES OF SUBORDINATE TEMPLES, AND TO THE NOBILITY OF OUR ORDER,

ES SELAMU ALEIKUM.

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The Headquarters of the Imperial Council will be at the Oriental Hotel, where the Imperial Potentate, Imperial Treasurer and Imperial Recorder will have apartments for the transaction of business pertaining to their respective offices.

Representatives and other Nobles who desire hotel accommodations are requested to communicate with Noble Joseph Swope, Oriental Hotel, Dallas, Texas, at an early date.

Railroad Fares.

Noble John G. Hunter of Hella Temple, has made arrangements with the several traffic associations for reduced rates, and the committee will no doubt soon issue a circular to all interested, giving full details of the same. For any other information relative to transportation address John G. Hunter, Dallas, Texas.

Potentates and Representatives are requested to file with the Imperial Recorder, at once, all papers relative to By-Laws, Appeals, Grievances, Reports, Amendments to the Constitution, etc., that the same may be in readiness for presentation to the proper committees.

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COMMITTEES.—As required by the Constitution of the Imperial Council, the Imperial Potentate announces the appointment of the following Standing Committees:—

Credentials.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Temple.</i>	<i>State.</i>
FRANK T. GILBERT	Ismailia	New York.
SAMUEL MCDOWALL	El Kalah	Utah.
FREDERICK E. RICE	Osman	Minnesota.
WILLIAM H. BELL	Ben Hur	Texas.
GEORGE V. AYRES	Naja	South Dakota.

Finance and Accounts.

CLARENCE E. STUMP	Kismet	New York.
HENRY A. COLLINS	Rameses	Canada.
JAMES L. RAKE	Rajah	Pennsylvania.
JOHN A. SCHLENER	Zubrah	Minnesota.
CYRUS T. DARLING	Kaaba	Iowa.

Jurisprudence and Laws.

WILLIAM B. MELISH	Syrian	Ohio.
HARRISON DINGMAN	Almas	Dist. of Columbia.
FREDERICK H. SPRING	Aleppo	Massachusetts.
AUGUSTUS W. PETERS	Mecca	New York.
JAMES H. BROWN	El Jebel	Colorado.

Dispensations and Charters.

SAM BRIGGS	Al Koran	Ohio.
LUTHER L. CAUFY	Tripoli	Wisconsin.
HENRY HARDY	Tangier	Nebraska.
EDWARD B. JORDAN	Lu Lu	Pennsylvania.
CHARLES B. WARE	Pyramid	Connecticut.

Grievances and Appeals.

THOMAS J. HUDSON	Syria	Pennsylvania.
CHARLES L. FIELD	Islam	California.
CHARLES F. BECK	Moslem	Michigan.
FREDERICK A. SMITH	Moolah	Missouri.
HORACE K. BLANCHARD	Palestine	Rhode Island.

Mileage and Per Diem.

WILLIAM JOHNSTON	Medinah	Illinois.
GEORGE W. STARR	Boumi	Maryland.
CHALMERS BROWN	Murat	Indiana.
ARNOLD SHANKLIN	Ararat	Missouri.
GEORGE D. BABBITT	Kora	Maine.

Transactions of Imperial Council.

RIAL S. PECK	Sphinx	Connecticut.
GEORGE L. STREET	Acca	Virginia.
EDWARD W. WELLINGTON	Isis	Kansas..
DANFORD G. EGGLESTON	Media	New York.
RICHARD LOCKEY	Algeria	Montana.

Necrology.

WILLIAM RYAN	Kosair	Kentucky.
RICHARD LAMBERT	Jerusalem	Louisiana.
STEPHEN R. COLBY	Mt. Sinai	Vermont.
WALTER S. LIDDELL	Oasis	North Carolina.
WILLIAM DALEY	Korein	Wyoming.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.—The following amendment to the Constitution and Law of the Imperial Council has been presented and will come before the Council for consideration and action, viz.:—

Proposed by Representative Saram R. Ellison of Mecca Temple.

Amend Art. XVI., Sect. 2, as follows:—

After the word “candidate” in the last line, insert the words: “The Imperial Recorder shall upon the request of the Recorder of any Temple, issue to every member who joins a Temple by affiliation, a diploma free of charge, upon the return to the Imperial Recorder of the Diploma issued by the Temple in which the affiliate received the Order.”

Particular Notice to Recorders.

Do not forget that your returns must reach the Imperial Recorder before the 10th day of May, 1898. [See Cons., Art. XXXIII.]

Yours in the faith,

A. B. MCGAFFEY,
Imperial Potentate.

B. W. ROWELL,
Imperial Recorder.

OPENING.

10.50 o'clock A.M.

The Imperial Council was called to order in the Opera House in the city of Dallas, Texas, by the Imperial Potentate, Albert B. McGaffey, Rev. Noble John W. Geiger of Marion, Iowa, a Noble of El Kahir Temple, invoking the Divine blessing as follows :

PRAYER.

O Allah, merciful, compassionate! We thank thee that thou hast compassion upon thy children, and that we are permitted to look upon the faces of our friends and brothers once again. Bless the assembly of this Imperial Council and give wisdom to direct in all that shall affect the well being of our Order.

Oh, Allah, merciful, compassionate! Thou hast not cast us into alhotama; while we suffer from heat, we know that it is but temporary, and not eternal, and that thou, in thy mercy and goodness, wilt lead us into a cooler place. Amen.

THE ROLL OF TEMPLES CALLED.

The Roll of Temples was ordered called and all responded with the exception of Alee, Beni Kedem, Naja, Rajah and Yaarab.

The Committee on Credentials reported that a Constitutional number of Temples were represented, and the report was accepted.

WELCOME.

Noble George H. Green of Hella Temple welcomed the Nobility to the Oasis of Texas, as follows :—

IMPERIAL POTENTATE AND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL
OF NORTH AMERICA :—

In behalf of Hella Temple and the Nobility of Texas I welcome you to our Oasis.

We are proud of this occasion from the fact that this is the first time in the history of our Order that a Southern city has been honored by your presence.

We know you have had a long, weary pilgrimage across the burning sands of the plains, and your camels are foot-sore and your wine-skins empty. Therefore we bid you enter our tents and refresh yourselves.

Imperial Sir, so long as you and your Arabs are among us, rest assured that the tribe of Hella awaits your commands. Our salt, bread and wine shall be as free to you and yours as the gentle zephyrs that kiss the boundless prairies of our grand Lone Star State.

Noble Green, at the conclusion of his remarks, introduced the Mayor of the city of Dallas, the Hon. John H. Traylor, who briefly and heartily welcomed the Nobles, and extended the hospitality and courtesies of the citizens of Dallas.

Noble Green then introduced Adjutant-General Wozencroft of the State of Texas, who addressed the Nobility in the absence of the Governor of Texas. At the conclusion of his words of welcome he was heartily applauded.

Imperial Potentate McGaffey responded to the several addresses of Noble Green, Mayor Traylor and Adj.-Gen. Wozencroft, thanking the Governor, the Mayor and the Nobility of Texas for their hospitable reception.

At the conclusion of the addresses and responses the Imperial Potentate assisted by the officers opened the Imperial Council in Twenty-fourth Annual Session in full and ample form.

APPOINTMENTS.

The Imperial Potentate announced the following appointments to fill vacancies on Committees:—

CREDENTIALS.

J. W. CHAMBERLAIN,	<i>vice</i>	FREDERICK E. RICE.
GUSTAVE ANDERSON,	"	GEORGE A. AYERS.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

DANIEL B. SIMEON,	<i>vice</i>	J. LEW RAKE.
S. S. KILVINGTON,	"	JOHN A. SCHLENER.
J. W. EELLS,	"	C. T. DARLING.

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

MORRIS L. BUCHWALTER,	<i>vice</i>	WM. B. MELISH.
THOMAS R. MORROW,	"	AUGUSTUS W. PETERS.
FRED W. PARKS,	"	J. H. BROWN.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

GEORGE T. HOOLEY,	<i>vice</i>	LUTHER L. CAUFY.
GEORGE W. BALL,	"	HENRY HARDY.
THOMAS J. BISHOP,	"	CHARLES B. WARE.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

PARK DAVIS,	<i>vice</i>	THOMAS J. HUDSON.
ALBERT L. ANTHONY,	"	HORACE K. BLANCHARD.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

JAMES TYLER,	<i>vice</i>	ARNOLD SHANKLIN.
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TRANSACTIONS OF IMPERIAL OFFICERS.

FRED PLEASANTS,	<i>vice</i>	GEORGE L. STREET.
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ANNUAL ADDRESS

TO THE

Imperial Council and Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

BY

A. B. MCGAFFEY, IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

DALLAS, TEX., June 14, 1898.

To the Imperial Council and to the Nobility of the Mystic Shrine throughout our Jurisdiction.

As the Imperial Potentate of this Order, it affords me much pleasure to extend to you a hearty welcome to this its Twenty-fourth Annual Session, and to greet you with its salutation, "Es Selamu Aleikum."

We have assembled in this beautiful city of Dallas, Texas, in the Oasis of Hella Temple, to consider the proceedings and events of the past year and to provide such legislation as may be deemed judicious and prudent for our future guidance and well-being.

I shall, as briefly as consistent, present to you a statement of the condition of this Order and the transactions of my office, with such suggestions as to legislation as my experience during the past year has led me to believe are needed.

The year has been a peaceful and a prosperous one for us. While wars and rumors of wars have agitated our country, and the tramp of armed men has been heard in our streets, within our Temples no "casus belli" has developed, and all is peace.

INSTALLATION IMPERIAL OFFICER.

Owing to the absence of Noble Archibald N. Sloan, Imperial Outer Guard, he was not installed into office with the other Imperial Officers at Detroit. I therefore appointed Noble Orion L. Hurlbut, Chief Rabban of Alhambra Temple, Chattanooga, Tenn., as my special deputy to perform this duty. Noble Hurlbut accepted the appointment, installed Noble Sloan, and his report is presented herewith.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Sept. 23, 1897.

A. B. MCGAFFEY,
Imperial Potentate,
 Denver, Col.

Illustrious and Dear Noble: I beg to advise you that, in accordance with appointment of July 23, I did, on September 17, install into office as Imperial Outer Guard of the Imperial Council for North America, Noble Archibald N. Sloan.

Beg to say, in explanation of the delay, that this was the first meeting which Alhambra has held since receipt of your authority.

Yours in the faith,

ORION L. HURLBUT,
Chief Rabban, Alhambra Temple.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF 1897.

The Imperial Council at its last session appropriated \$500 for the purchase of a Past Imperial Potentate's Jewel, to be procured and presented to Past Imperial Potentate Harrison Dingman. Nobles Jacob H. Bromwell, James McGee and Harry Standiford were appointed a committee to carry out the orders of this Imperial body. I am pleased to report that they have so done, that the jewel was procured and presented to Noble Dingman at the Annual Session of Almas Temple held on Dec. 16, 1897. The full committee was in attendance. Noble Bromwell made the presentation speech, which was happily responded to by Noble Dingman, and the jewel now adorns the breast of our honored Past Imperial Potentate.

OFFICIAL BONDS.

The bonds of the Imperial Treasurer and Imperial Recorder were duly received, examined and approved, and are submitted with this report.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

I am pleased to be able to report that the official divan of this Imperial Council remains unbroken; the Black Camel, Death, has not visited our tent. Our membership, however, has not been so fortunate. I have been advised of the death of one of our Representatives, Noble John H. Cavanaugh, Potentate of Alee Temple, Savannah, Ga. I can do no better than to offer to his memory, for incorporation in our Proceedings, the tribute prepared by his own Temple:

JOHN HENRY CAVANAUGH. On Jan. 15, 1898, the Black Camel bowed before the door of Alee Temple of Savannah, and claimed as its own John Henry Cavanaugh, Potentate and organizer of that Temple.

This Temple was peculiarly unfortunate in the loss sustained, as he was the head and front in everything that redounded to the benefit of Alee Temple. Securing a dispensation from this Imperial Council, he repaired to his home and, taking a few friends into his plans, he at once started to organize Alee Temple on a basis that would insure its future. He went personally responsible for the outfit of the Temple, and while

he could not see any large membership in view, this did not worry him in the slightest, saying that if the Temple could not pay for the outfit he would pay for it himself, thus showing his unselfish nature and his devotion for the Nobles of Alee.

Noble Cavanaugh socially was popular, and as a business man was very successful.

Masonically he had been honored repeatedly by his brethren; was Past Master of Zerrubabel Lodge No. 15, F. and A.M.; Past Commander of Palestine Commandery No. 7, K.T.; was presiding officer of the various bodies of the Scottish Rite, and had also received the Thirty-third Degree of that Rite.

His death was indeed untimely, being summoned as he was sitting with his family, surrounded by those whom he loved so well. He, indeed, was not permitted to bid farewell to life and take his departure from a bed of physical suffering, but in the wink of an eye, in the draft of a breath, he passed from the fulness of life to the paleness of death. Let us believe that, though suddenly ushered into the presence of the Grand Master of the universe, he was yet prepared to accept death as the parent of life, and on the wings of a perfect faith, clearly shown by the smile of hope that was upon his pale and lifeless face, he entered upon the day without a night, a sunshine without a shadow, a springtime of happiness that changes but to add another beauty to its celestial perfections.

Here he wore the jewels of our Order; there he wears the crown of everlasting life. Here he observed the barrenness and felt the breath of winter; there spring received him on her flowery shore. Here he watched the ebb and flow of pleasure's tide; there he sees the swelling flood of God's eternal love. Here he mingled with the dust which we name man; there with seraphic hosts he lifts his voice in hallelujahs.

Truly he was a man.

WILLIAM M. BLOOMER. I have also been advised of the death of one who, while not a Representative to this Imperial Council, was a prominent member of this Order and an officer in one of our Temples. I refer to Noble William M. Bloomer, Assistant Rabban of Ismailia Temple of Buffalo, N.Y. Noble Bloomer was born in Buffalo, Aug. 23, 1853, was a lifelong resident of that city, and was educated in its public schools. He was prominent in all public affairs, was a member of the State National Guard, enlisting as a private in 1870, and was colonel of his regiment from 1883 until he resigned in 1889.

As a Mason Noble Bloomer ranked high. At the time of his death he was the Representative from his Lodge to the Masonic Hall Association; Past High Priest of Keystone Chapter, R.A.M.; Thrice Illustrious Master of Keystone Council, R. and S.M.; Generalissimo of Hugh de Payens Commandery, K.T.; a member of Buffalo Consistory, Scottish Rite Masons, and Assistant Rabban in Ismailia Temple.

He also held membership in numerous other societies. At our last Annual Session in Detroit, Mich., he was in command of the Ismailia

Drill Corps and acted as escort to myself, a favor that he asked for on account of an acquaintance and friendship that has existed between us from our earliest boyhood. I have known Will Bloomer for forty years, and a truer Noble never lived. He was a good Mason, a good citizen, a fond husband and father, and a faithful friend. Peace to his ashes.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED TO TEMPLES.

At our last session dispensations were authorized to be issued to Melha Temple, at Springfield, Mass., and Antioch Temple, at Dayton, Ohio, and the dispensation for El Korah Temple at Boise City, Idaho, was continued. I am pleased to report that all of these three Temples have been formed and opened and are now actively at work in their various jurisdictions. I attach reports of Nobles Rowell and Lockey, who respectively instituted Melha and El Korah Temples. No special appointment was made for the instituting of Antioch Temple. It was started on its way by the Nobles of Al Koran, headed by our Past Imperial Potentate, Sam Briggs, and assisted by a large number of the Nobles from the different Temples in the State of Ohio, and sister jurisdictions.

BOSTON, Sept. 16, 1897.

A. B. MCGAFFEY,
Imperial Potentate,
 Denver, Col.

Imperial and Dear Sir: In compliance with the very pleasant duty assigned me as your deputy to institute Melha Temple under dispensation, I went to Springfield, Mass., on the 10th day of September, and upon my arrival was received by a committee of Nobles of Melha Temple and every courtesy that could be expected was accorded me.

The afternoon was passed by sight-seeing about the city, and the Nobles joined with each other in seeing that my stay among them was pleasant and profitable. In the evening I instituted the Temple in the shortest possible form, and the Temple immediately proceeded to business, initiating seven candidates that evening. I am pleased to report that the Temple starts with a complete set of paraphernalia and robes, among the best that it has been my pleasure to see. The hall in which they are to meet is especially adapted for their purpose, and the members who were present at the institution all seemed to be imbued with the spirit of making the Temple one that we shall be proud of. The officers of the Temple as constituted are as follows: —

Charles H. Miller		Illustrious Potentate.
H. Leroy Woodward		Chief Rabban.
William M. Titus		Assistant Rabban.
Robert W. Smith		Treasurer.
Morrison D. Montague		Recorder.

With assurances of my continued regards, I am,

Fraternally yours,

B. W. ROWELL.

HELENA, MONT., April 2, 1898.

A. B. MCGAFFEY,

Imperial Potentate,

Denver, Col.

Imperial and Illustrious Noble: As authorized by you, I proceeded to Boise, Idaho, for the purpose of performing the very agreeable duty of instituting El Korah Temple under dispensation, reaching that Oasis on the 20th of March, where I remained until the 24th. At 10 A.M., on the 23d day of March, I proceeded to institute El Korah Temple, U.D., with Morgan Alvin Regan, Harry Kerr Eagleson, William F. Smith, J. M. Johnson, W. J. McConnell, W. L. Ryder and W. R. Sebree, named in the dispensation dated June 23, 1896, and installed Noble Morgan Alvin Regan as Illustrious Potentate, the session being held in the Masonic Temple. Petitions for affiliation were then presented and acted upon favorably, the following being admitted, viz.: J. S. Weiler, John A. Mayer and George D. Golden, all of El Kalah Temple, Salt Lake, Utah, and L. L. Davis of Korein Temple, Rawlins, Wyo. A code of by-laws and seal were adopted and other necessary business transacted. Petitions for initiation from thirty-three candidates were read and referred to committees, with favorable action in each case. After a street parade, preceded by the "Boys' Band," and at the evening session held in the hall of representatives at the State capitol, Past Potentate Noble Leonard Baxter Gorham, of El Kalah Temple, Salt Lake, Utah, now residing in Portland, Ore., presided as Potentate, and conferred the degree upon twenty-nine novices, who were conducted over the hot sands and inducted into the mysteries of the Order with all the solemnity usual on such occasions. The impressions conveyed and obtained were of such a character as to imprint upon the mind of each candidate the importance and dignity of this Order. The Temple is the possessor of a set of the finest of robes and paraphernalia, costing more than \$900, all of which was paid for before the organization of the Temple. After the conferring of the degree, in addition to Illustrious Potentate Morgan Alvin Regan, I installed James A. Pinney as Chief Rabban, Marshall William Wood as Assistant Rabban, John William Daniels as High Priest and Prophet, W. R. Sebree as Oriental Guide, George W. Fletcher as Treasurer and Theophilus W. Randall as Recorder, the remaining officers to be appointed by the Potentate.

Great credit is due to Illustrious Potentate Regan for his labors and efforts in the organization of El Korah Temple, and too much credit cannot be extended to Past Potentate Gorham for leaving his business and devoting his time and energy in aiding the Nobles to make this a success. Amongst others deserving of special mention are ex-United States Senator Noble W. J. McConnell, State Senator Noble George D. Golden, Noble Marshall William Wood. Thirty-third Degree, Major U.S.A.; Nobles J. S. Weiler, Fred Reed, W. R. Sebree and many others. The attendance represented the best element of Idaho, and I have every reason to believe that while El Korah Temple is the youngest, it will not long remain in point of numbers the smallest in the jurisdiction of the Imperial Council. The banquet given at the Capitol hotel was an elegant affair. The toasts were peculiarly appropriate and the responses, from visitors and novitiates, were eloquent, of a high order and expressive of the character of the material composing the Temple. It was one of the most pleasant occasions which it has been my lot to experience. I am justified in saying that the Imperial Council will have reason to be proud of Ida(ho)'s baby, El Korah Temple.

Thanking you for the confidence reposed, by entrusting such an important mission to myself, and with the assurances of my continued regards, I remain,

Yours in the faith,

RICHARD LOCKEY.

DISPENSATIONS ASKED FOR NEW TEMPLES.

On May 9, 1898, I received an application from twenty-one Nobles, all residents of Toledo, Ohio, praying that a dispensation be issued, authorizing them to form and open a Temple of the Mystic Shrine in the city of Toledo under the name of "Zenobia." The application was recommended by the nearest Temple, Al Koran, and was accompanied with the legal fee of \$100. As it was so near the time of the meeting of the Imperial Council, I decided it best not to issue the dispensation, but instead to refer the matter to this body. I have therefore placed the application in the hands of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, who will no doubt submit same to you with their recommendations.

TEMPLES CONSTITUTED UNDER CHARTER.

Charters having been granted to Aleé Temple of Savannah, Ga., and Beni-Kedem Temple of Charleston, W. Va., I appointed Past Imperial Potentate Harrison Dingman as my special deputy for the purpose of constituting said Temples. Noble Dingman accepted the appointment and performed the duty assigned to him, as will be seen by his reports, which are herewith presented: —

Nov. 22, 1897.

A. B. MCGAFFEY,

Imperial Potentate, A.A.O.N.M.S.,

Denver, Col.

Imperial and Dear Noble: Referring to your letter of Sept. 9, 1897, with notification of my appointment as special deputy to institute and constitute Aleé Temple, under charter granted by the Imperial Council at Detroit, June last, and to install the officers of said Temple, when elected, I have to advise you that owing to the fear of quarantine regulations, arising from the prevalence of yellow fever in certain of the Southern States, it was November 10 before Illustrious Noble Cavanaugh deemed it proper to order the Nobles of Aleé to assemble for the purposes above indicated.

It having been understood that Illustrious Noble B. W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, was to accompany me and act as Imperial Marshal, I promptly notified him of the time agreed upon and, under date of November 9, at 11 o'clock P.M., we left Washington, D.C., *en route* for Savannah, Ga., the home of Aleé Temple.

I deem it but proper at this time to state that on the arrival of the colonial express at Washington, an hour before the Southern train left, when Noble Rowell stepped from his train he was met and greeted by the entire line of officers of Almas Temple, and which welcome, unless I mistake the Noble, still lingers in memory green.

The trip from Washington to Savannah was most enjoyable. When, at 10 o'clock the next morning, our train arrived at Charlotte, N.C., the home of Oasis Temple, we were gratefully surprised to find at the station all the resident Nobles of this Temple and quite a number of their ladies. Here a half hour quickly passed, and no wonder, for their greeting was extended to us with that great warmth for which the Nobles of Oasis are so justly celebrated. Regrets were exchanged that it had been found

impossible to arrange for a Ceremonial Session of this Temple while Noble Rowell and myself were in their section of country, so that your request to me that I make an official visit to this Temple had to be passed over for the time being.

The whistle sounded, the train started and our party was increased to three, as Illustrious Noble W. S. Liddell, the Potentate of Oasis, had consented to accompany us to Alee. At Columbia, S.C., Illustrious Noble J. T. Barron, the Grand Master of Masons of South Carolina, met us and extended passports, with authority to travel, if need be, throughout his entire domain. Six o'clock brought us to Savannah, where Illustrious Potentate J. H. Cavanaugh and Noble A. N. Nicholes met us, and soon we were whirling towards the De Soto hotel, where sumptuous quarters had already been engaged for us.

At 8 o'clock, under the escort of a committee, we went to the Masonic Temple and, the Nobles of Alee being in waiting, were each received with honors befitting our respective stations.

Everything being in readiness and assisted by Noble Rowell, acting as Imperial Marshal, I proceeded to institute and constitute Alee Temple, under its charter bearing your signature as the Imperial Potentate, and, after due proclamation had been made by the Imperial Marshal, placed in the hands of the Potentate his charter, and with it, I hope, some suitable suggestions as to proper methods to pursue to make the name of Alee Temple one that the citizens of Savannah could and would look up to with gratification and delight.

I then proceeded with the election and installation of the entire line of officers and, turning over the emblem of authority to the Potentate, the work of the evening was proceeded with. To show the interest the Nobles of Alee Temple take in the Shrine, I will state that of the forty-eight Nobles comprising their strength, forty-six of them were present and answered to their names, and letters were read from the other two showing they were out of the State and would not be able to return in time. Ten candidates were led across the Desert paths. The work was well done, every officer being well versed in the duties of his position; paraphernalia was well gotten up, and there was plenty of variety and spice connected with the proper adaptation of the working tools. A banquet followed, same being served in the building where speech, song and good cheer prevailed, and when we reached the hotel, at an early hour, it was a pleasure to realize that in granting to Alee Temple a charter, the Imperial Council made no mistake, but can congratulate themselves that there is a bright, live, pushing Temple in this most hospitable city of the South.

We remained in Savannah during the next day and, under charge of a Shrine committee, were kept busy until very late in the night, leaving their city Friday morning June 12, at 6 A.M. with recollections of the most delightful nature of the whole-souled Nobles of Alee Temple.

Friday afternoon and evening we were in Charleston, S.C., the guests of South Carolina Commandery, No. 1, K.T., one of the oldest, if not the oldest, Commandery in the United States, and were most royally entertained, a special banquet having been given by this Commandery in honor of our visit. Saturday afternoon we were in Columbia, S.C., under charge of six Nobles of Oasis Temple, headed by Illustrious Noble Barron, heretofore referred to, and Saturday night found us at an informal session of Oasis Temple, at Charlotte, N.C., where, after words of counsel and gratitude, the march was taken to the hotel and a very enjoyable repast was laid before us. Shortly before 12 Saturday night June 13, Illustrious Noble Liddell closed the table session, and with it ended the festivities of the trip, and on Sunday morning at 9.35 we started for home, firmer than ever in the belief that for sociability, hos-

pitality and good fellowship there is no order like the Mystic Shrine in all the world.

During our trip many inquiries were made about you and many kindly expressions given us to be conveyed to you, which I hope you will accept from all, in the same loving spirit in which they were meant to be conveyed.

I remain yours in the faith,

HARRISON DINGMAN,
Special Deputy and Past Imperial Potentate.

Dec. 14, 1897.

A. B. MCGAFFEY,

*Imperial Potentate, A.A.O.N.M.S.,
Denver, Col.*

Imperial and Dear Noble: Under date of December 6, inst., I left this city *en route* for Charleston, W. Va., bearing your commission as special deputy, authorizing me to institute and constitute Beni-Kedem Temple, under charter, and to install the officers, when duly elected. I was accompanied by Illustrious Noble Harry Standiford, Potentate of Almas Temple, who, under authority contained in your commission to me, I designated to act as Imperial Marshal.

We reached the Oasis of Beni-Kedem Temple about 1 P.M., December 7, and were met on the arrival of our train by Illustrious Noble Neil Robinson, Potentate, Illustrious Noble Joseph Ruffner, Recorder, and other officers of the Temple, who extended to us a very cordial greeting, and soon we were escorted across the Kanawha river and inducted into pleasant quarters in the Ruffner hotel.

The afternoon was spent in drives around the city, and in a general interchange of views on Shrine topics, and at 8 P.M., we repaired to the Masonic Temple, were duly announced and, as your Representative, I was received with all the honor due to the exalted station you occupy. The Temple being in readiness, I immediately assumed the East and proceeded with the work of the evening by causing your commission to be read by the acting Imperial Marshal, and in regular form declared Beni-Kedem Temple duly instituted and constituted as a Temple of the Mystic Shrine, directed Illustrious Noble Standiford to make suitable proclamation, which, being done, I delivered to Illustrious Noble Robinson the charter, under which this quite active Temple will, I am sure, continue to add strength to their roster and additional fame to their already well assured name.

Their officers having already been selected, they were unanimously elected, duly installed, and the Temple turned over to Illustrious Potentate Robinson, and the ceremonial work of the evening was immediately proceeded with, the Ritual being splendidly exemplified by all the officers taking part in the work. Many visiting Nobles were present, among the Temples noticed being those of Syrian, Al Koran, Acca and Kosair.

At the conclusion of the work of the evening, which even the Sons of the Desert seemed to enjoy, all repaired to the banquet hall, where, after partaking of the good things that go to make a Shriner's life a happy one, speech and song were given full sway, every one present agreeing that it had been a great, large, red-letter gathering of the Nobility of Beni-Kedem Temple and her friends, and one that would linger long in memory bright.

From the moment we left the train on its arrival at Charleston until, in the early morn of December 8, we again were at the station to start on our homeward trip, we were the recipients of the most loving attention

from all the Nobility present. Inducements of the most pressing nature were extended to us to lengthen our stay, but important engagements at home would not permit, and with regret we said the parting word and at 3.45 A.M. the whistle sounded, a parting cheer rang out on the early morning air, and two tired Nobles sought the sleeping car for much needed rest, our last thoughts being of a party of whole-souled, generous, happy Nobles, slowly sauntering across the bridge to their bright and pushing city.

With special thanks to you for your kindness in designating me to act for you, I am yours in the faith,

HARRISON DINGMAN,
Special Deputy and Past Imperial Potentate.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

I regret very much that circumstances were such during the past year that I was not able to leave my business and do the amount of visiting that I had fully intended to do. Denver is, as you know, a long way removed from the Shrine center, and it takes from twenty-four to forty hours' travelling to reach, with few exceptions, the Temples of the East or the West. Had I been deterred from these visitations merely by my own interests in the ordinary course of business affairs, I should not plead time and distance as an excuse for such shortcoming. Unfortunately, however, both for my personal interests as well as my official duties, I became connected with a business which not only demanded my strictest attention but that involved me in protracted litigation, compelling my presence in court and elsewhere, to the detriment of other demands upon my time, and rendering it impossible for me to absent myself from my State at times when I desired to make visits to distant Temples.

In response to a very kind and pressing invitation I had the pleasure, on the evening of Oct. 27, 1897, of meeting with Moolah Temple, St. Louis, Mo., and seeing the order conferred on forty-two poor Sons of the Desert. The work was well done under the direction of the Illustrious Potentate, Frederic A. Smith. The novices seemed well satisfied when the ceremonies were concluded, and so expressed themselves at the banquet which followed. This Temple is well equipped with paraphernalia and properties for the rendition of the work, and its books and accounts are well kept. The music is a feature of the work that does them much credit. During my stay in St. Louis I was under the charge of a committee consisting of the Potentate and Nobles Nieman, Wallis, Stifel and Rogers. They met me at the train when I arrived, escorted me to the Planters hotel and sundry and divers other places, did their best to make it pleasant for me, and I can assure you that they succeeded in their endeavors. I enjoyed my visit very much, and departed with regret that it had to be so short.

On the evening of Oct. 29, 1897, I visited Abdallah Temple at Leavenworth, Kan.; was accompanied from Kansas City by our Imperial Deputy Potentate, Noble E. F. Allen. On our arrival in Leavenworth

we were met at the station by the Potentate of Abdallah Temple, our Imperial Chief Rabban, John H. Atwood, and a committee of the Nobles of the Temple, and were escorted to the hotel, where we were met and greeted by a large number of the Nobles of Abdallah. After a time spent in rest and refreshment we were escorted to the Temple, where the order was conferred on a class of twenty-four novices by our Imperial Chief Rabban in a very beautiful and impressive manner. At the conclusion of the ceremonies we repaired to the banquet hall and partook of an elegant repast, which was extended into "some time next day"; speech, song and story enlivened the occasion and made it a very pleasant one.

This Temple has everything necessary for a proper rendition of the ceremonies and some things that the novices probably think are unnecessary. They are blessed with a variety of talent on very original lines, which is not to be found in other Temples, and which adds much to their work. We left Abdallah very regretfully on the morning of the 30th, tired but happy.

I have met with my own Temple, El Jebel, at each of its sessions, and on the night of the annual session I had the honor and pleasure of installing its officers. Of the many excellencies of this Temple it is needless for me to speak, as many of you have been its guests. Suffice it to say that it has everything necessary for the proper conferring of the order and is in good condition financially.

On the evening of Jan. 27, 1898, I was entertained at a banquet by a Shrine organization that is probably a new one to most of you. It is known as "The Tramp Shriners' Club," of Cripple Creek, Col., and is composed of Shriners that have gathered together in the great gold camps of Cripple Creek, and Victor, Col., and who have formed themselves into a Shriners' Club for mutual pleasure and benefit. They have forty-five members and represent thirty-nine Temples. The banquet to which I was invited was held in the rooms of the Business Men's Club of Victor, Col., and was a most enjoyable affair, bringing together, as it did, Shriners from the four corners of Shrinedom. Your Imperial Potentate was installed in the seat of honor at the head of the table and acted as toastmaster to the best of his ability.

COMMISSIONS TO DEPUTIES.

Oct. 1, 1897, on request of Zem Zem Temple. I appointed Imperial Treasurer W. S. Brown as my deputy to visit and inspect that Temple. He duly performed his mission and his report is as follows:—

PITTSBURG, PA., Oct. 8, 1897.

A. B. MCGAFFEY,

Imperial Potentate.

Imperial and Illustrious Noble: In response to an invitation from Illustrious Potentate Frank J. Bassett, of Zem Zem Temple of Erie, Pa., and by your edict bearing date of Oct. 1, 1897, I journeyed to Oil City.

Pa., on Thursday, October 7,⁰ with a number of Nobles from Syria Temple, to witness the work on a number of candidates in that city, for which they had your special dispensation. Reaching there at noon we were met by Potentate Bassett, his officers and members, and escorted to their hotel headquarters, where the members of Zem Zem held an afternoon reception and open house to all. Preparatory to the ceremonial session there was a grand street parade and an address of welcome from the genial mayor of Oil City, who while not one of us, said the town belonged to the Shriners, and it did.

The Temple opened at 7 o'clock and proceeded to confer the degrees upon sixty-six loyal souls, whose enjoyment was complete when the curtain fell upon the last act. The ceremony being concluded, all repaired to the banquet hall, where after satisfying the wants of the inner man, speeches, songs and experiences were the order, which lasted for many hours, and I believe the relating of the latter still goes on uninterrupted.

The work of Zem Zem Temple, while done under very trying circumstances, was creditably done, they having to bring all their paraphernalia from their Temple at Erie. The members take unusual interest in the work and a candidate is guaranteed the full worth of his initiation fee.

Yours in the faith,

W. S. BROWN.

I also; by request, appointed Imperial Recorder B. W. Rowell as my deputy for the purpose of paying an official visit and inspecting Irem Temple of Wilkesbarre, Pa. I herewith submit his report: —

BOSTON, April 25, 1898.

A. B. MCGAFFEY,

Imperial Potentate,

Denver, Col.

Imperial and Dear Sir: On the evening of April 20, 1898, accompanied by Noble Joseph W. Work of Aleppo Temple, in execution of your commission as special deputy to inspect Irem Temple of Wilkesbarre, Pa., I visited Wilkesbarre, inspected the Temple, examined their books, apartments and paraphernalia, and investigated most thoroughly their methods of doing business, and I am pleased to report that their charter, books and other official papers are in a most excellent condition, and that their method of conducting their business is to be most highly commended. Their rendering of the ritual was strictly in accordance with the same, and their officers performed the ceremony with great dignity and ability. The rendition of the first session far exceeded anything in its character that I have ever witnessed, and it gives me great pleasure to commend the officers in the strongest manner for their deportment, for their strict attention to business, and as to the members of Irem Temple, I have only to say that they fully appreciate the ability of their officers, and render them the closest attention, and maintain a conduct of good order that is most remarkable. Upon this occasion they met for the first time in Memorial Hall, which they have leased for a period of ten years, and it is, in my opinion, the most appropriate and beautifully arranged set of apartments that any Temple in the Order is favored with. I cannot speak too highly of my reception and of the treatment I received while in Wilkesbarre, and I especially desire to express appreciation of the courtesies extended to Noble Work and myself by the Chief Rabban, Noble William L. Raeder, representative of the Imperial Council. A class of thirty-seven novices crossed the hot sands, bringing

their membership up to two hundred and seventy-two. I find that the Temple is composed of the best citizens of the city of Wilkesbarre, and that it has the respect of the whole community. My report is that the Temple is in a first class condition, well officered, well equipped with paraphernalia, and in every way an honor to this Imperial Council.

With regards, I am

Fraternally yours,

B. W. ROWELL.

No charge was made by either Noble Brown or Noble Rowell for the expense of making these visits.

PETITIONS FOR CHARTER.

I am in receipt of a petition for a charter from Antioch Temple, U.D., at Dayton, Ohio. Their report shows that they have started with 125 members, have affiliated 26 and have conferred the order on 162. They now have a membership of 308. Have full paraphernalia all paid for, have money in the treasury and no debts. I have referred the petition to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters for their consideration and report.

I am also in receipt of a petition for a charter from Melha Temple, Springfield, Mass. They are provided with all proper paraphernalia for the conferring of the order, a suitable place of meeting, seal, etc. This petition I have also referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations for their consideration and report.

El Korah Temple also presents a petition for charter. This Temple was instituted on March 23, 1898, and thirty Nobles were created at its first session. It now has a membership of forty-one Nobles, has properties and paraphernalia costing twelve hundred dollars, which are all paid for, and has four Commanderies from which to draw material for future growth. This petition I have referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

I refused to grant a special dispensation to a Temple permitting it to hold its annual session in advance of time prescribed by its by-laws. I doubt the authority of the Imperial Council to advance an annual meeting.

For good and sufficient reasons presented I issued special dispensation to Past Imperial Potentate Sam Briggs, permitting him to communicate the order to a Thirty-second Degree Mason who had been duly elected by Al Koran Temple to receive same.

I have issued several special dispensations to Temples changing the date of their annual meetings to a time later than that prescribed by their by-laws; this done for various reasons deemed good and sufficient.

I have refused to allow a Temple to appear as a Temple and parade with fez and jewels in a local celebration that was not strictly a gathering of Shriners.

I have refused to grant special dispensation to shorten the time in which a rejected candidate could make a second application.

I have issued the usual number of special dispensations to Temples permitting them to receive and ballot upon petitions at special sessions.

DECISIONS.

I have decided that any Temple can accept a petition from and confer the order upon any person resident of Old Mexico who may possess the necessary prerequisites as set forth in Article XXIV. of the Constitution and Law.

SHRINE IN ENGLAND.

I regret very much that I am not able to report progress in the matter of establishing a body of the Mystic Shrine in England. On Aug. 2, 1897, I renewed the commission that had been issued by Past Imperial Potentate Harrison Dingman to Noble J. Lew Rake, Potentate of Rajah Temple, as it was expected that he would shortly leave for England and take the matter up with the people there. Noble Rake expected to leave for England during the month of September, 1897, but was disappointed and the trip was deferred until January, 1898. Again Noble Rake was compelled to postpone his trip, and under the present condition of affairs it is not to be expected that he will venture abroad until peace is declared; hence I am compelled to refer this matter to my successor in office for his action and disposition.

GRIEVANCES.

I have had three complaints during the year of invasion of jurisdiction. In all of these cases the fault, if any, seemed to lie with individual members of the Shrine, who, through zeal for membership or through ignorance of the law, have brought into the Shrine petitions from persons whose residence was more or less doubtful. In no case have I found the officers of the Temples wilfully at fault. It is impossible for the Recorder or the Potentate to know the personality of each and every novice in a class of forty to sixty, and if they come properly recommended and vouched for by members of the Temple, and there is nothing to lead the officers of the Temple or the Temple itself to doubt the correctness of the answers, I am of the opinion that no charge can lie against the Temple for a wilful violation of the laws relating to jurisdiction of Temples.

In my opinion the remedy in such cases is for the Temple whose jurisdiction is claimed to have been invaded to prefer charges against

the Noble or Nobles who may have petitioned where they had no right to, and have the case tried by the Temple that conferred the orders, and I have so advised.

CHARITY OF THE SHRINE.

I am pleased to report that the reputation of the Shrine for the giving of charity has not suffered during the past year. On the 1st day of December, 1897, I forwarded a communication to each Temple, reminding it of the approaching Christmas time and urging that the poor and needy be not forgotten. The response was more than generous, in some instances lavish, and I append such reports as have come to me. Some Temples that I know contributed to various charities have not reported. The record is as follows: —

Acca Temple distributed baskets of provisions to the worthy poor at an expense of \$200.

Aladdin Temple assisted upward of one thousand poor people, giving one week's supply of food and a ton of coal to each family; also gave money to the Day Nursery, the Children's Hospital and the Home of the Friendless. The distribution was personally made by the Nobles, thereby gladdening the home of many a poor family.

Al Chymia Temple contributed to worthy objects of charity to the extent of \$55.

Aleppo Temple expended over \$800 in various charities.

Algeria Temple donated \$100 to Masonic Boards of Relief at Butte and Helena, and \$30 in individual cases. They report few calls for assistance.

Alhambra Temple appropriated \$100 to the Tennessee Widows' and Orphans' Home.

Al Kader Temple made a donation of \$100 to the Masonic Board of Relief. They say that they have no indigent members and but few calls for charity.

Al Koran Temple distributed its charity wherever and whenever needed during the year.

Al Malaikah Temple disbursed \$450 to Masonic Board of Relief, News and Working Boys' Home, Associated Charities, Children's Home Society, Orphans' Home, Kings' Daughters, etc.

Almas Temple made a liberal appropriation from the funds of the Temple, which was supplemented by donations from the membership. A large committee was appointed to look up the poor people of the city, and by this committee, the police and the charitable organizations of the city, cards were distributed to the worthy poor, which the holders presented the afternoon before Christmas at National Rifles Armory. There a large number of baskets were given to the needy. Each basket contained one twelve-pound sack of flour, one peck of potatoes, two pounds of granulated sugar, one pound Rio coffee, one quart hominy, one quart beans, and either a turkey or seven pounds of good beef. Where families were large, additional supplies were given. Car tickets were furnished

those living at a distance. In addition to the above some barrels of potatoes remaining were given to charitable institutions. Several hundred dollars were also distributed amongst needy Nobles.

Antioch Temple made a donation of \$50 to the Ohio Masonic Home. This Temple has not received a charter as yet.

Ararat Temple applied its appropriation in buying Christmas presents for the children of the State Masonic Home of Missouri.

Ballut Abyad Temple donated \$50 to the Children's Home at Albuquerque, N.M.

Ben Hur Temple gave \$100 to the Ladies' Relief Association of Austin, Tex.

Boumi Temple on Christmas eve gave to eight hundred families a new bushel basket containing a bag of flour, beef, ham, sausage, two loaves of bread, quart of beans, peas, Quaker oats, hominy, two pounds sugar, one pound of coffee, one-quarter pound of tea, two pounds of oatmeal, several cans of fruit and vegetables, one-half peck potatoes, one-half peck turnips, two heads cabbage, car fare both ways. To twenty-five families \$1 extra in cash was given. Families having over five members received extra quantities of the above. No family received less than would keep them for three days. The old and feeble had their baskets carried to the cars for them by the Nobles who were amply repaid by the tears of gratitude that filled the eyes of many of the recipients. The cost exceeded \$1,000.

Cyprus Temple joined with other bodies in giving a Christmas tree to the inmates of the Albany Orphan Asylum.

Damascus Temple made its ninth annual charity offering on Christmas eve in St. Paul's Church. Special efforts had been made by the Nobles to seek out worthy widows with families and other distressed poor. Neither creed nor color created any bar. At one end of the church two tons of dressed chicken were stacked, backed up with a proportionate amount of celery, tea, coffee, sugar, bread, crackers, cakes, oranges and smoking tobacco. These were placed in baskets corresponding to the size of the family of each applicant, and then the latter were conducted along a line of booths, where needy ones were provided with shoes, hosiery, underwear, hats, caps and clothing. The children also received picture books, tin horns, squawkers, red carts, jumping jacks, dolls, popcorn, candy, etc. Music gladdened the air, flags, evergreens and holly decorated the walls, and, best of all, the smiles of gladness and the sweet laughter of children told of thousands of hearts made happy.

El Jebel Temple donated \$130 to Parson Uzzell to assist in procuring a Christmas dinner for the poor children of Denver; also contributed \$75 to sundry charities, making a total of \$205.

El Kahir Temple paid out during the year for various charities the sum of \$225.

El Katif Temple contributed to various charities, assistance to members and others, to the amount of \$675.

El Zagal Temple in addition to its appropriation, solicited donations from individual Nobles in the city, and obtained from the Union Aid Society the names of all the poor families that they could, and on Christmas morning a committee of Nobles distributed fifty-one baskets personally to the poor, each basket containing two pounds of sugar, two pounds coffee, two pounds sausage, one pound crackers, one pound tea, five pounds beans, one quart cranberries, one can corn, one large sack candy, one mince pie, one turkey. Besides the above there were other donations made in the way of provisions and delicacies for the sick. Total amount of provisions distributed was about fourteen hundred pounds. Every family and every person whose name was given to the committee received something. The expense was over \$500.

Hamasa Temple made donations to the amount of \$300 to drouth sufferers, Waifs' Home, yellow fever sufferers, hospital, asylum and city poor.

Hella Temple appropriated \$250, which was distributed in various charities.

India Temple appointed a committee to investigate the poor in Oklahoma City, and, after considerable search, found a place for about \$45. Owing to the good crops in their section, they say that they had hard work to find any one who needed help.

Isis Temple aided the worthy poor to the amount of \$100, the same mostly in the way of provisions.

Ismailia Temple expended a total of \$650, which was divided among the worthy established charities of their city. A committee has been appointed to devise some means for a permanent charity fund for this Temple.

Jerusalem Temple sent its donation to the Louisiana Masonic Relief Lodge.

Kaaba Temple expended some \$400 for objects which appealed to the Charity Committee.

Kismet Temple in spite of its financial reverses, which were quite heavy, dispensed some \$260.

Korein Temple made its donation to the Permanent Charity Fund of the several Masonic bodies of Rawlins to the amount of \$25.

Kosair Temple made a donation to the Kentucky Masonic Home, and have pledged \$1,000 for the Old Men's Home.

Lu Lu Temple reports \$575 contributed to the needy, and also state that they had very few applications for assistance.

Media Temple gave \$25 to the City Hospital, \$25 to the Orphans' Home, \$25 to a needy widow, and about \$30 in small amounts to sundry charities.

Medinah Temple voted \$500 for the Illinois and Masonic Orphans' Home, which, together with other charities distributed, made a total of \$665 devoted to that purpose.

Melha Temple sent out to twenty-five needy families large baskets filled with staple groceries, turkeys and chickens, which is a good showing for a Temple that has not received a charter as yet.

Mohammed Temple expended \$125 for the relief of two of its own members, one of whom has since died; \$50 to the Masonic Orphans' Home at Chicago, \$50 to the Home of the Friendless in Peoria, making a total of \$225.

Moila Temple made its usual Christmas offering by giving to the several charitable institutions of their city the sum of \$200.

Moolah Temple contributed \$300 to the Masonic Home of Missouri, an institution which is the pride of Missouri Masons.

Morocco Temple distributed groceries, etc., among the poor to the amount of \$50.

Moslem Temple distributed as follows: Cash to Michigan Masonic Home, \$50; cash to families of deceased Masons as necessities required; 150 baskets of provisions for families in needy circumstances at a cost of \$800. In addition to this, the Temple on Christmas morning delivered to families of Nobles deceased during the year blooming plants and boxes of flowers, with a card attached which read as follows: "Moslem sends greeting in remembrance of those Nobles who have entered into rest. May heaven's blessings abide with thee." Signed, Moslem Temple, N.M.S.

Mount Sinai Temple appropriated \$100 to be distributed among the deserving poor, which was done mostly in the way of supplying them with provisions.

Murat Temple furnished 145 baskets, containing flour, lard, pork, beans, potatoes, onions, coffee, sugar, butter, etc. They also paid the rent for a number of poor families, furnished shoes and clothing for children to the amount of \$465.

Naja Temple made a donation of \$25 to the Children's Home, Sioux Falls, S.D.

Oriental Temple donated \$25 to each of the following institutions: Troy Orphans' Asylum, the Fairview Home for Friendless Children, the Day Home, the Rowe Memorial Home for Children, the Sanitarium Hospital and the Saratoga Home for Children; also made personal donations to the amount of \$100 cash.

Osiris Temple distributed \$150 in the following manner: \$25 to Children's Day Nursery, \$25 to Crittenden Rescue Home, \$25 Humane Society, \$25 Home for Aged and Friendless, \$25 Wheeling Hospital Association, and \$25 to a needy Noble.

Osman Temple spent for Christmas baskets \$285, and gave \$100 to the Babies' Home, making total of \$385.

Rameses Temple contributed to the Protestant Orphans' Home and the Sick Children's Hospital; to the widow of a Noble; also to a Noble who was in need, to the extent of \$200.

Sahara Temple appropriated \$50 for the various charities and \$25 for the Mississippi flood sufferers.

Saladin Temple made no appropriation, but extended relief through the several Shrine clubs of said Temple.

Syria Temple contributed to the various hospitals, the poor and needy, kindergartens and the relief of widows and orphans to the amount of \$270.

Syrian Temple donated \$500 to the various charity institutions in Cincinnati.

Tangier Temple expended \$245 to the various charities.

Tebala Temple reports the expenditure of \$328.60 in charity.

Tripoli Temple expended about \$250 in various ways for charity.

Yaarab Temple distributed cash to the poor of Atlanta to the amount of \$200.

Zamora Temple gave to the Jefferson Masonic Home \$125, and to the united charities \$25, making a total of \$150.

Zem Zem Temple gave a charity ball for the benefit of the Erie Day Nursery and Free Kindergarten Association and turned over to that Association \$350; also made a donation to the Florence Crittenden Home of \$50, and dispensed other charity to the amount of \$150, making a total of \$550.

Zurah Temple expended \$326 for various charitable purposes.

This is indeed a glorious record and one of which we have much reason to be proud. I trust that this custom of Christmas giving may continue from year to year until every Temple may be reported as doing something in that line, be it ever so little.

APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT.

At our last annual session, Salaam Temple of Olney, Ill., having failed to make the required annual returns, "was declared suspended until the next session of this Imperial Council in 1898." They now present a petition for reinstatement to their former good standing, and claim that the trouble was caused by the neglect of their Recorder to attend to his duties, the Temple supposing that he had filled all the requirements of the law. I submit the petition to you for your action.

In this connection I would say that the officers of this Temple are very negligent in the matter of answering letters. I wished some information and wrote to the Potentate on Sept. 30, 1897. I received no answer and wrote again on Dec. 1, 1897, with the same result. I wrote him again on Jan. 3, 1898, and am still waiting for his answer. I then concluded to try the Recorder, and wrote him on Feb. 1, 1898. I am pleased to say that he answered under date of February 11. If this is their idea of Arabic courtesy I am of the opinion that their Temple should stand suspended until they change it.

VISITING CERTIFICATES.

The visiting certificate adopted at the last meeting of this Imperial Council seems to give almost universal satisfaction, judging from the

many expressions that have come to me. The Recorders say that it has been a great help in the matter of collecting dues.

The change from the form adopted in 1896 to the present form found a number of the Temples with a supply of the 1896 form on hand. These they had purchased from the Imperial Recorder, paying ten cents for each certificate. Request has been made that the Imperial Recorder be authorized to redeem same, and it seems as though in all fairness it should be done.

I would also recommend that some plan be adopted so that, in cases where visiting certificates are lost and duplicates issued, the Temples may be notified and imposition be prevented.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORDER.

The proverbial green bay tree in its perennial verdure does not flourish with any more perpetual certainty than does the Mystic Shrine. Our increase during the past year, both in membership and in finance, has been astonishing. Our membership on May 1, 1897 (as corrected), was 44,280; there have died 468, dimitted 764, suspended 1,287, expelled 13, making a total loss of 2,532. There have been initiated 5,039, restored and affiliated 406, charter members of new Temples 223, making a total gain of 5,668, and making a membership on May 1, 1898, of 47,416. This is a net gain of 3,136, which, notwithstanding the immense losses we have sustained, makes a most magnificent showing. The following are the Temples having over 1,000 members: Aleppo, 2,992; Mecca, 2,854; Lu Lu, 2,557; Medinah, 2,242; Moslem, 1,419; El Kahir, 1,379; Syrian, 1,335; Syria, 1,321; Kaaba, 1,084, making a total of nine Temples with a membership of over 1,000 each.

FINANCES OF THE ORDER.

The report of the Imperial Treasurer shows that we had on hand, June 1, 1897, \$9,284.49. We have received during the past year for dues, initiation fees, etc., \$19,927.95. Warrants have been drawn to the amount of \$14,413.48, the summary and detail of which will appear in the reports of the Imperial Recorder and Imperial Treasurer. This finds us with a cash balance on hand of \$14,798.96, an increase in the cash on hand over last year of \$5,514.47, with all bills paid, excepting possibly a few for printing and postage of small amounts.

It certainly looks as though the blessing of prosperity continues to abide with the Shrine.

The sum placed at the disposal of the Imperial Potentate to cover the expenses of his office has been expended for postage, expressage, telegrams, office supplies, stationery, stenographer, typewriter, travelling expense, printing, entertainment, charity, etc.

SHRINE AT MANILA.

The attention of your Imperial Potentate has been called to the fact that a large number of the Nobility of the Mystic Shrine are now encamped in San Francisco in the oasis of Islam Temple, and expect soon to depart for Manila in the island of Luzon, some six thousand five hundred miles from Islam, the nearest Temple of this order. They are part of the army of occupation, and expect to be absent from this country for some years. Amongst the Nobles are many that have been prominent in our Councils, and they are very anxious that this Imperial Council grant them a dispensation for an Army Temple of the A.A.O. N.M.S. to be held in the Philippine Islands with such officers as this Council may appoint. I would recommend that action be taken to this end.

GENERAL.

I desire to call the attention of this Imperial Council to one or two matters which I think should be provided for. One is the status of an Imperial Officer that is not re-elected as a Representative by his Temple. Supposing that you elect an Imperial Potentate at this session, and that he is not elected as a Representative at the following session of his Temple; what would be his status in this body? He is Imperial Potentate but not a Representative. He would certainly have the right to preside over this body, but would he be entitled to a voice or a vote, mileage or per diem? It seems to me that his position should be defined. This also applies to the other officers of this body, both elective and appointive, and I trust that you will give this matter your careful attention and enact such legislation as you may consider proper to remove the possibility of what some time may be a very embarrassing situation.

Some provision should also be made for filling vacancies, caused by death, in the official divans of Temples

Our law provides that in the event of the resignation of any officer or representative, the Temple may elect a successor without special dispensation for that purpose, provided notice is given members. No provision is made, however, for deaths. Of course death is an enforced resignation, but hardly the kind of resignation that our law contemplates, and cases of this nature should be provided for.

The matter of charging for diplomas issued to affiliated Nobles will come before you in the form of an amendment to the Constitution, and will probably be discussed pro and con at that time.

THE IMPERIAL RECORDER AND IMPERIAL TREASURER.

I feel that I would not be doing justice to two careful, prompt and painstaking officials of this Imperial Body should I fail to express my sincere thanks in a public manner to our Imperial Recorder and Imperial Treasurer, both of whom are always ready, always pleasant and always

helpful. The relations between the Imperial Potentate and the Imperial Recorder especially, are very intimate. They are in almost daily communication, much more so than are the Imperial Potentate and Imperial Treasurer. I have found our Imperial Recorder prompt, accurate, careful and always ready and willing to do all that he can to make the path of the Imperial Potentate pleasant and agreeable. To both of these officials I wish to extend my most sincere thanks for their hearty cooperation during the past year, and to assure them of my appreciation of their efforts in my behalf.

CONCLUSION.

In closing my record of the year, and returning to you the authority with which you invested me one year ago, I wish to say to you, Nobles of the Imperial Council, that I shall never forget your kindness nor requite the confidence you reposed in me when you elevated me to the high position of Imperial Potentate of this great Order. Mine has been a pleasant task, and the labors of the year will ever be among the happiest of memories if I can but carry with me the comforting assurance that my efforts have met with your approval. The brotherly kindness and considerate attention which I have received at your hands while in the performance of my official duties is remembered with a gratitude which I cannot express, and as I once again take my place with the Nobles in the ranks it will be reward enough can I but have your assurance that I still merit and have lost none of your confidence and esteem. And as the years roll on I can assure you that I will be found ever ready and willing to do all that is within my power to promote the noble purposes and accelerate the steps of the onward and upward course of this our beloved Order.

Nobles, I thank you.

Yours in the Faith,

A. B. MCGAFFEY,
Imperial Potentate.

On motion the address was ordered printed and distributed and the matter contained therein ordered referred to the Committee on Transactions of Imperial Officers.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE IMPERIAL RECORDER.

DALLAS, TEXAS, June 14, 1898.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council:—

Your Imperial Recorder respectfully submits the following detailed report of the transactions of his office for the year from May 1, 1897, to April 30, 1898:—

IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

From the reports of the various subordinate Temples in this jurisdiction, and from credentials received, it appears that there are at the present time:—

No. of <i>ad vitam</i> members	6
No. of Emeritus members	4
No. of active members	204
Total	214

TEMPLES.

No. of Temples chartered to date	76
No. of Temples under dispensation	3
Total	79
No. of Temples making returns	79

REPORTS OF TEMPLES.

From May 1, 1897, to April 30, 1898, inclusive.

The reports which have been received from the various Temples are given in the table herewith.

Report of Temples to May 1, 1898.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	LOCATION.	Membership May 1, 1897.	Died.	Demitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Created.	Affiliated and Restored.	Charter Members.	Membership May 1, 1898.
May 1, 1898	Abdallah	Leavenworth, Kan.	518	4	21			48	1		542
" 1, 1898	Acca	Richmond, Va.	355	5	15	4	1	43	4		377
" 1, 1898	Affi	Tacoma, Wash.	210					10	1		221
" 1, 1898	Ahmed	Marquette, Mich.	222		2			42	49		311
" 1, 1898	Aladdin	Columbus, Ohio.	404	4	1		1	70	4		472
" 1, 1898	Al Chymia	Memphis, Tenn.	150	5	2			3	3		149
" 1, 1898	Alee	Savannah, Ga.	48	1				10			57
" 1, 1898	Aleppo	Boston, Mass.	2900	28	34	79		226	7		2992
" 1, 1898	Algeria	Helena, Mont.	235	3	3	6		41			264
" 1, 1898	Alhambra	Chattanooga, Tenn.	183	3	2	7		44			220
" 1, 1898	Al Kader	Portland, Ore.	215	1				27			241
" 1, 1898	Al Koran	Cleveland, Ohio.	868	10	15	5		73			911
" 1, 1898	Al Malaikah	Los Angeles, Cal.	443	3	1	9		75	3		508
" 1, 1898	Almas	Washington, D.C.	763	13	9	13		76	6		810
" 1, 1898	Antioch	Dayton, Ohio.		16				162	37	125	308
" 1, 1898	Ararat	Kansas City, Mo.	801	5	1			68	16		879
" 1, 1898	Ballut Abyad	Albuquerque, N.M.	132	3	1			8			136
" 1, 1898	Ben Hur	Austin, Texas.	250	3	4			10			254
" 1, 1898	Beni Kedem	Charleston, W. Va.	166	2		1		40	13		216
" 1, 1898	Boumi	Baltimore, Md.	458	7	10	4		41	1		479
" 1, 1898	Cyprus	Albany, N.Y.	445	6	3			57	1		494
" 1, 1898	Damascus	Rochester, N.Y.	566	6	7	38		94	8		617
" 1, 1898	El Jebel	Denver, Col.	789	8	12	53		15	20		751
" 1, 1898	El Kalah	Salt Lake City, U.	173	2	3	3		17	4		186
" 1, 1898	El Kahir	Cedar Rapids, Iowa.	1309	11	8			85	4		1379
" 1, 1898	El Katif	Spokane, Wash.	217	3				27	1		242
" 1, 1898	El Korah	Boise City, Idaho.						30	4	7	41
" 1, 1898	El Riad	Sioux Falls, S.D.	469	3	6	110		31			381
" 1, 1898	El Zagal	Fargo, N.D.	422	1	9			104	1		517
" 1, 1898	El Zaribah	Phoenix, Ariz.	77	1	1			48	1		125
" 1, 1898	Hamasa	Meridian, Miss.	171	3				49			217
" 1, 1898	Hella	Dallas, Texas.	487	4	5	41		77	26		540
" 1, 1898	India	Oklahoma, O.T.	124	1				25	2		150
" 1, 1898	Irem	Wilkes Barre, Penn.	196					72	1		269
" 1, 1898	Isis	Salina, Kan.	575	6	9			52	1		613
" 1, 1898	Islam	San Francisco, Cal.	721	12	14	6		49	2		743
" 1, 1898	Ismailia	Buffalo, N.Y.	909	10	5	35	1	89	8		955
" 1, 1898	Jeru-salem	New Orleans, La.	160	4	1	7		22			170
" 1, 1898	Kaaba	Davenport, Iowa.	1050	6	14			22			1084
" 1, 1898	Kismet	Brooklyn, N.Y.	648	14	3	4		85	1		715
" 1, 1898	Kora	Lewiston, Me.	444	2	1			92	4		537
" 1, 1898	Korein	Rawlins, Wyo.	130	1				11	3		142
" 1, 1898	Kosair	Louisville, Ky.	310	4	17		1	45	1		335
" 1, 1898	Lu Lu	Philadelphia, Pa.	2499	39	12	68		173	4		2557
" 1, 1898	Mecca	New York, N.Y.	2765	38	28	151	6	286	26		2854
" 1, 1898	Media	Watertown, N.Y.	466	5	3	20		47	3		488
" 1, 1898	Medinah	Chicago, Ill.	2228	16	49	121		185	15		2242
" 1, 1898	Melha	Springfield, Mass.						69	2	91	162
" 1, 1898	Mohammed	Peoria, Ill.	333	5	2	3		60	3		386
" 1, 1898	Molla	St. Joseph, Mo.	400	2	9	16		39	15		427
" 1, 1898	Moolah	St. Louis, Mo.	627	7	9	17		90	7		691
" 1, 1898	Morocco	Jacksonville, Fla.	97	2	2	5		23	1		112
" 1, 1898	Moslem	Detroit, Mich.	1400	15	7	59		98	2		1419
" 1, 1898	Mount Sinai	Montpelier, Vt.	506	3	1		1	102	3		606
" 1, 1898	Murat	Indianapolis, Ind.	867	11	4	24		86	2		916
" 1, 1898	Naja	Deadwood, S.D.	102	1	10	8		8			91
" 1, 1898	Oasis	Charlotte, N.C.	114	2	1			26			137
" 1, 1898	Oriental	Troy, N.Y.	715	13	3	25		107	1		782
" 1, 1898	Osiris	Wheeling, W. Va.	400	8	7	18		62	8		437
" 1, 1898	Osman	St. Paul, Minn.	630	5	8			43	1		661
" 1, 1898	Palestine	Providence, R.I.	731	6	12	10		35	2		740

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DATE.	TEMPLE.	LOCATION.	Membership May 1, 1897.	Died.	Demitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Created.	Affiliated and Restored.	Charter Members.	Membership May 1, 1898.
May 1, 1898	Pyramid.....	Bridgeport, Conn.....	823	9	4	....	1	55	1	.....	865
" 1, 1898	Rajah	Reading, Pa.	441	2	2	....	....	60	.....	.....	497
" 1, 1898	Rameses	Toronto, Can.	239	6	2	4	....	53	.....	.....	280
" 1, 1898	Sahara	Pine Bluff, Ark	173	3	....	....	....	11	5	.....	186
" 1, 1898	Salaam	Olney, Ill.	43	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	43
" 1, 1898	Saladin.....	Grand Rapids, Mich..	919	14	52	....	....	37	2	.....	892
" 1, 1898	Sesostris	Lincoln, Neb.	451	....	4	2	....	13	8	.....	466
" 1, 1898	Sphinx	Hartford, Conn.....	462	2	....	....	....	81	2	.....	542
" 1, 1898	Syria	Pittsburg, Pa.	1187	....	6	51	....	177	22	.....	1321
" 1, 1898	Syrian	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	1442	2	234	8	1	142	2	.....	1335
" 1, 1898	Tangler	Omaha, Neb.	670	2	123	....	....	56	12	.....	610
" 1, 1898	Tebala	Rockford, Ill.	220	2	....	23	....	9	.....	.....	204
" 1, 1898	Tripoli	Milwaukee, Wis.	543	4	12	25	....	87	5	.....	594
" 1, 1898	Yaarab	Atlanta, Ga.	227	4	12	....	....	40	1	.....	252
" 1, 1898	Zamora	Birmingham, Ala.....	140	....	....	7	....	49	.....	.....	182
" 1, 1898	Zem Zem.....	Erie, Pa.	441	7	2	....	....	107	.....	.....	539
" 1, 1898	Ziyara	Utica, N.Y.	600	6	5	54	....	95	2	.....	632
" 1, 1898	Zuhrah	Minneapolis, Minn...	658	4	5	20	....	82	7	.....	718
Totals....			44,280	468	764	1287	13	5089	406	223	47,416

The numerical standing of the various Temples will be found on the Table following:—

Numerical Standing and Gain and Loss of Temples, May 1, 1898.

No.	TEMPLE.	LOCATION.	MEMBERS.		Gain.	Loss.
			1898	1897		
1	Aleppo	Boston, Mass.	2992	2900	92	
2	Mecca	New York, N.Y.	2854	2765	89	
3	Lu Lu	Philadelphia, Pa.	2557	2499	58	
4	Medinah	Chicago, Ill.	2242	2228	14	
5	Moslem	Detroit, Mich.	1419	1400	29	
6	El Kahir	Cedar Rapids, Iowa.	1379	1309	70	
7	Syrian	Cincinnati, Ohio.	1335	1442		107
8	Syria	Pittsburg, Pa.	1321	1187	134	
9	Kaaba	Davenport, Iowa.	1084	1050	34	
10	Ismailia	Buffalo, N.Y.	995	909	86	
11	Murat	Indianapolis, Ind.	916	867	49	
12	Al Koran	Cleveland, Ohio.	911	868	43	
13	Saladin	Grand Rapids, Mich.	892	919		27
14	Ararat	Kansas City, Mo.	879	801	78	
15	Pyramid	Bridgeport, Conn.	865	823	42	
16	Almas	Washington, D.C.	810	764	46	
17	Oriental	Troy, N.Y.	782	815	67	
18	El Jebel	Denver, Colo.	751	789		38
19	Islam	San Francisco, Cal.	743	724	19	
20	Palestine	Providence, R.I.	740	731	9	
21	Zubrah	Minneapolis, Minn.	718	618	50	
22	Kismet	Brooklyn, N.Y.	715	648	33	
23	Moolah	St. Louis, Mo.	691	627	64	
24	Osman	St. Paul, Minn.	661	630	31	
25	Ziyara	Utica, N.Y.	632	600	32	
26	Damascus	Rochester, N.Y.	617	566	51	
27	Isis	Salina, Kan.	613	575	38	
28	Tangier	Omaha, Neb.	610	670		60
29	Mount Sinai	Montpelier, Vt.	606	506	100	
30	Tripoli	Milwaukee, Wis.	594	543	51	
31	Abdallah	Leavenworth, Kan.	542	518	24	
32	Sphinx	Hartford, Conn.	542	462	80	
33	Hella	Dallas, Texas	540	487	53	
34	Zem Zem	Erie, Pa.	539	441	98	
35	Kora	Lewiston, Me.	537	444	93	
36	El Zagal	Fargo, N.D.	517	422	95	
37	Al Malaikah	Los Angeles, Cal.	508	443	65	
38	Rajah	Reading, Pa.	497	441	56	
39	Boumi	Baltimore, Md.	497	458	39	
40	Cyprus	Albany, N.Y.	494	445	49	
41	Media	Watertown, N.Y.	488	466	22	
42	Aladdin	Columbus, Ohio	472	404	68	
43	Sesostris	Lincoln, Neb.	466	451	15	
44	Osiris	Wheeling, W. Va.	437	400	37	
45	Molla	St. Joseph, Mo.	427	400	27	
46	Mohammed	Peoria, Ill.	386	333	53	
47	El Riad	Sioux Falls, S.D.	381	469		88
48	Acca	Richmond, Va.	377	358	19	
49	Kosair	Louisville, Ky.	335	310	25	
50	Ahmed	Marquette, Mich.	311	222	89	
51	Antioch	Dayton, Ohio	308			
52	Rameses	Toronto, Can.	280	239	41	
53	Irem	Wilkes Barre, Pa.	269	196	73	
54	Algeria	Helena, Mont.	264	235	29	
55	Ben Hur	Austin, Texas	254	250	4	
56	Yaarab	Atlanta, Ga.	252	227	25	
57	El Rafif	Spokane, Wash.	242	217	25	
58	Al Kader	Portland, Ore.	241	215	26	
59	Afif	Tacoma, Wash.	221	210	11	
60	Alhambra	Chattanooga, Tenn.	220	188	32	
61	Hamasa	Meridian, Miss.	217	171	46	
62	Beni Kedem	Charleston, W. Va.	216	166	50	
63	Tebala	Rockford, Ill.	204			16
64	Sahara	Pine Bluff, Ark.	186	173	13	
65	El Kalah	Salt Lake City, Utah.	186	173	13	

Numerical Standing and Gain and Loss of Temples, May 1, 1898.

No.	TEMPLE.	LOCATION.	MEMBERS.		Gain.	Loss.
			1898	1897		
66	Zamora	Birmingham, Ala.....	182	140	42	.....
67	Jerusalem	New Orleans, La.....	170	160	10	.....
68	Melha	Springfield, Mass.....	162	.....	.....	.....
69	India	Oklahoma, O.T.....	150	124	26	.....
70	Al Chymia.....	Memphis, Tenn.....	149	150	.....	1
71	Korein	Rawlins, Wyo.....	142	130	12	.....
72	Oasis	Charlotte, N.C.....	137	114	23	.....
73	El Zaribah.....	Phoenix, Ari.....	125	77	48	.....
74	Morocco	Jacksonville, Fla.....	112	97	15	.....
75	Naja	Deadwood, S.D.....	91	102	.....	11
76	Alee	Savannah, Ga.....	57	48	9	.....
77	Salaam	Olney, Ill.....	43	.....	.....	.....
78	El Korah.....	Boise, Idaho.....	41	.....	41	.....

This table will show that

71 Temples have made gain in membership.

7 “ “ “ losses in membership.

1 “ has the same membership as last reported.

The Temples making losses are, Syrian, 107, caused by formation of Antioch Temple; Saladin, 27; El Jebel, 38; Tangier, 60; El Riad, 88; Naja, 11; Al Chymia, 1.

The greatest gain over 75 have been made by Syria, 134; Mt. Sinai, 100; Zem Zem, 98; El Zagal, 95; Kora, 93; Aleppo, 92; Mecca, 89; Ahmed, 89; Ismailia, 86; Sphinx, 80; Ararat, 78.

The annual returns of the Temples were received as per the following table:—

Record of the Receipts of the Annual Returns of Temples by the Imperial Recorder, 1898.

<i>April 30, 1898.</i>			
1 Aleppo,	31 Boumi,	56 Ben Hur,	
2 Morocco,	32 Kismet,	57 Tangier,	
3 Sphinx,	33 El Jebel,	58 Aladdin,	
4 Ahmed,	34 Beni Kedem,	59 Algeria,	
5 Al Kader,	<i>May 4, 1898.</i>		
6 Al Malaikah,	35 Mecca,	61 Almas,	
7 Osiris,	36 Yaarab,	62 Ballut Abyad,	
8 El Zaribah,		63 Melha,	
9 Media,	<i>May 5, 1898.</i>		
10 Mohammed,	37 Pyramid,	<i>May 10, 1898.</i>	
11 Irem,	38 Al Chymia,	65 Cyprus,	
12 Mt. Sinai,	39 Ararat,	66 Lu Lu,	
13 Oasis,	40 El Korah,	67 Abdallah,	
14 Sahara,	41 Zamora,	68 Kaaba,	
15 Osman,	<i>May 6, 1898.</i>		
16 Saladin,	42 Al Koran,	69 El Katif,	
<i>May 2, 1898.</i>		70 Acca,	
17 El Kahir,	43 Allhambra,	<i>May 11, 1898.</i>	
18 Kosair,	44 Zem Zem,	71 Murat,	
19 Moila,	<i>May 7, 1898.</i>		
20 Ziyara,	45 Antioch,	<i>May 12, 1898.</i>	
21 Islam,	46 Hella,	73 Affi,	
22 Ismailia,	47 Syria,	74 Alec,	
23 Rajah,	48 Jerusalem,	75 El Riad,	
24 Medinah,	49 Isis,	<i>May 16, 1898.</i>	
25 Korein,	50 Zuhrah,	76 India,	
26 El Zagal,	51 Palestine,	77 Sesostris,	
27 Tebala,	52 Damascus,	78 Salaam,	
28 Oriental,	<i>May 9, 1898.</i>		
<i>May 3, 1898.</i>		<i>May 19, 1898.</i>	
29 Tripoli,	53 Syrian,	79 Naja,	
30 Hamasa,	54 Moslem,		
	55 Moolah,		

RECAPITULATION.

Membership May 1, 1897	44, 80
Died	468
Demitted	764
Suspended	1,287
Expelled	13
Total	2,532
Membership, less loss	41,748
Initiated	5,039
Restored and affiliated	406
Charter members, new Temples	223
Total	5,668
Total membership May 1, 1898	47,416
Making a net gain for the year	3,136

The receipts of my office during the year have been as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensa- tions.	Money Re- turned from Miteage and per Diem.	TOTALS.
May 14, 1897	Abdallah		\$2 00					
May 31, 1897	"		16 00					
Nov. 9, 1897	"		60 00					
Mar. 31, 1898	"		40 00					
May 10, 1898	"	\$81 50						\$199 30
May 10, 1898	Acca	56 55	106 50					163 05
Dec. 20, 1897	Affil		20 00	\$1 00				
Feb. 15, 1898	"		5 00					
May 12, 1898	"	33 15						59 15
July 12, 1897	Ahmed		42 50					
Feb. 11, 1898	"		60 00					
April 11, 1898	"		2 50					
April 12, 1898	"	46 65						151 65
Dec. 20, 1897	Aladdin		8 00					
Dec. 20, 1897	"		87 50					
May 9, 1898	"	70 80	77 50					243 80
May 27, 1897	Aleppo		84 00					
Sept. 7, 1897	"		125 00					
Oct. 29, 1897	"		78 00					
Dec. 31, 1897	"		132 50					
Mar. 23, 1898	"		97 50					
Mar. 26, 1898	"	448 50	27 00	5 00				997 50
Dec. 13, 1897	Algeria		97 50					
Jan. 22, 1898	"		5 00					
Mar. 31, 1898	"			1 00				
May 9, 1898	"	39 60						143 10
May 5, 1898	Al Chymia	22 35	7 50					29 85
Nov. 16, 1897	Alee		25 00					
May 12, 1898	"	15 00						40 00
May 6, 1898	Alhambra	33 00	110 00					143 00
Nov. 19, 1897	Al Kader		35 00					
April 12, 1898	"	103 65	32 50					171 15
May 12, 1897	Al Koran						\$.50	
Nov. 5, 1897	"		75 00					
Feb. 13, 1898	"		55 00					
May 2, 1898	"		52 50					
May 6, 1898	"	136 65						319 65
Oct. 20, 1897	Al Malaikah		157 50					
Jan. 17, 1898	"			\$100 0				
Mar. 17, 1898	"		30 00	2 00				
April 20, 1898	"	76 20						275 70
May 26, 1897	Almas		10 00					
Oct. 11, 1897	"		50 00					
Nov. 17, 1897	"		25 00					
Dec. 7, 1897	"		42 50					
Feb. 24, 1898	"		17 50					
May 9, 1898	"	121 50	42 50					309 00
June 12, 1897	Antioch U.D.				5 00	\$100 00		
July 12, 1897	"							
Nov. 26, 1897	"		240 00					
Dec. 27, 1897	"		5 00					
Mar. 26, 1898	"		157 50					
April 23, 1898	"		2 50					
May 7, 1898	"	46 20						556 20
June 27, 1897	Ararat		4 00					
July 20, 1897	"		5 00					
Oct. 12, 1897	"		30 00					
Dec. 13, 1897	"		95 00					
April 5, 1898	"		35 00					
May 5, 1898	"	131 85						300 85
Oct. 1, 1897	Ballut Abynd		20 00					

Receipts.— Continued.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensa- tions.	Money Re- turned from Mileage and Per Diem.	TOTALS.
May 9, 1898	Ballut Abyad.....	\$20 40						\$40 40
May 9, 1898	Ben Hur.....	38 10	\$25 00					63 10
June 7, 1897	Bouml.....		24 00					
July 6, 1897	".....		2 50					
Nov. 8, 1897	".....		10 00					
Dec. 4, 1897	".....		2 50					
Feb. 5, 1898	".....		32 50					
May 3, 1898	".....	71 85	25 00					168 35
Dec. 13, 1897	Beni Kedem.....		15 00					
Mar. 14, 1898	".....		85 00					
April 18, 1898	".....		1 00					
May 4, 1898	".....	32 40						133 40
May 18, 1898	Cyprus.....	74 10	162 50					236 60
May 24, 1897	Damascus.....						\$1 00	
May 7, 1898	".....	92 55	235 00					328 55
Oct. 21, 1897	El Jebel.....		37 50					
May 3, 1898	".....	112 65						150 15
April 23, 1898	El Kalah.....		42 50					
May 9, 1898	".....	27 90						70 40
May 24, 1897	El Kahir.....		40 00					
Oct. 11, 1897	".....		68 50					
Oct. 11, 1897	".....		80 00					
Dec. 13, 1897	".....		15 00					
May 2, 1898	".....	206 85						410 35
Oct. 27, 1897	El Katif.....		22 50					
Dec. 10, 1897	".....		15 00					
April 4, 1898	".....		30 00					
May 9, 1898	".....	36 30						103 80
May 5, 1898	El Korah.....	3 75	75 00					
May 14, 1898	".....	11 25						90 00
Oct. 2, 1897	El Riad.....		77 50					
May 12, 1898	".....	67 15						144 65
Nov. 23, 1897	El Zagal.....		50 00					
Feb. 10, 1898	".....		95 00	\$1 00				
April 14, 1898	".....		102 50					
May 2, 1898	".....	77 55						326 05
Mar. 2, 1898	El Zaribah.....		48 00					
Mar. 21, 1898	".....		12 00					
April 18, 1898	".....		60 00	2 00				
April 22, 1898	".....	13 75						
May 12, 1898	".....	5 00						140 75
July 24, 1897	Hamasa.....		22 00					
Feb. 17, 1898	".....		54 00	1 00				
Feb. 28, 1898	".....		13 50					
April 26, 1898	".....		30 00					
May 3, 1898	".....	32 55						153 05
Nov. 27, 1897	Hella.....		30 00					
April 25, 1898	".....		162 50					
May 6, 1898	".....			1 00				
May 7, 1898	".....	81 00						274 50
May 31, 1897	India.....		20 00					
Dec. 4, 1897	".....		37 50					
May 16, 1898	".....	22 50						80 00
Dec. 20, 1897	Irem.....		20 00					
Feb. 21, 1898	".....		40 00					
April 26, 1898	".....	40 85	112 50					
April 29, 1898	".....		7 50					220 35
May 17, 1897	Isis.....			1 00				
May 24, 1897	".....		4 00					
May 17, 1897	".....		28 00					

Receipts.— Continued.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensa- tions.	Money Re- turned from Mileage and Per Diem.	TOTALS.
May 17, 1897	Isis		\$27 50					
Feb. 7, 1898	"		42 50					
May 2, 1898	"		22 50					
May 7, 1898	"	\$91 95						\$217 45
Nov. 1, 1897	Islam		70 00					
Dec. 20, 1897	"		2 50					
Feb. 21, 1898	"		20 00					
May 2, 1898	"	111 45	30 00					233 95
May 24, 1897	Ismailia		46 00					
Sept. 24, 1897	"		90 00					
Oct. 1, 1897	"		7 50					
Jan. 6, 1898	"		15 00					
Mar. 2, 1898	"		5 00					
April 6, 1898	"			\$1 00				
May 2, 1898	"	143 25	47 50					355 25
Jan. 1, 1898	Jerusalem			1 00				
Mar. 24, 1898	"		55 00					
May 7, 1898	"	25 50						81 50
Oct. 19, 1897	Kaaba		42 50					
Jan. 3, 1898	"		67 50					
April 9, 1898	"		22 50					
May 10, 1898	"	162 60						295 10
June 9, 1897	Kismet		34 00					
July 3, 1897	"		7 50	1 00				
Nov. 10, 1897	"		17 50					
Dec. 9, 1897	"		25 00					
Jan. 14, 1898	"		27 50					
Feb. 4, 1898	"		37 50					
Mar. 2, 1898	"		12 50					
April 6, 1898	"		30 00					
May 3, 1898	"	107 25	12 50					312 25
May 26, 1897	Kora						\$2 00	
July 18, 1897	"		24 00					
Oct. 6, 1897	"		17 50					
Nov. 23, 1897	"		27 50					
Nov. 4, 1898	"			1 00				
Jan. 31, 1898	"		35 00					
Mar. 1, 1898	"		55 00					
April 9, 1898	"		65 00					
May 10, 1898	"	80 55						307 55
Jan. 29, 1898	Korien		27 50					
May 2, 1898	"	21 30						48 80
July 19, 1897	Kosair		14 00					
Dec. 2, 1897	"		72 50					
Dec. 22, 1897	"		2 50					
Jan. 13, 1898	"			1 00				
May 2, 1898	"	50 25	20 00	2 00				162 25
May 17, 1897	Lu Lu						5 00	
Sept. 7, 1897	"		115 00					
Oct. 11, 1897	"		47 50					
Nov. 8, 1897	"		57 50					
Dec. 6, 1897	"		85 00					
Jan. 10, 1898	"		52 50					
Feb. 7, 1898	"		10 00					
Mar. 22, 1898	"		35 00					
April 9, 1898	"		17 50					
May 10, 1898	"	383 85						808 85
May 15, 1897	Mecca						2 00	
June 5, 1897	"		122 00	1 00				
Nov. 1, 1897	"		170 00	1 00				

Receipts.—Continued.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensations.	Money Returned from Mileage and Per Diem.	TOTALS.
Dec. 2, 1897	Mecca		\$67 50					
Dec. 4, 1897	"			\$1 00				
Jan. 1, 1898	"		112 50					
Jan. 12, 1898	"			1 00				
Feb. 4, 1898	"		65 00					
Mar. 2, 1898	"		140 00	1 00				
May 4, 1898	"	\$428 10	27 50					\$1139 60
June 3, 1897	Medinah		34 00					
Sept. 24, 1897	"		37 50					
Oct. 29, 1897	"		40 00	1 00				
Nov. 23, 1897	"		115 00					
Mar. 16, 1898	"		80 00					
April 2, 1898	"		25 00					
April 27, 1898	"		123 50					
May 2, 1898	"	336 30						792 30
May 28, 1897	Media		48 00					
Dec. 15, 1898	"		25 00					
Feb. 3, 1898	"		2 50					
April 2, 1898	"		30 00					
April 25, 1898	"	73 20						178 70
June 4, 1897	Melha				\$15 00	\$100 00		
July 28, 1897	"		17 50					
Sept. 14, 1897	"		87 50					
Oct. 27, 1897	"		57 50					
Feb. 8, 1898	"	24 30	10 00					311 80
May 2, 1898	"		10 00					
June 26, 1897	Mohammed		27 50					
July 3, 1897	"		22 50					
Oct. 20, 1897	"		50 00					
Dec. 20, 1897	"							
Mar. 28, 1898	"	57 90						207 90
April 25, 1898	"		24 00					
May 24, 1897	Moila						\$1 00	
June 5, 1897	"		2 50					
July 27, 1897	"		65 00					
Nov. 30, 1897	"	64 05						156 55
May 2, 1898	"			1 00				
May 26, 1897	Moolah		54 00					
June 3, 1897	"		102 50					
Nov. 3, 1897	"	103 65	55 00					316 15
May 9, 1898	"		24 00	1 00				
May 20, 1897	Morocco		20 00					
Jan. 31, 1898	"		5 00					
Feb. 7, 1898	"							
Mar. 22, 1898	"	16 80						66 80
Aug. 15, 1897	Moslem		66 00					
Dec. 11, 1897	"		27 50					
Mar. 12, 1898	"		50 00					
Mar. 25, 1898	"		85 00					
May 9, 1898	"	214 35						442 85
Oct. 9, 1897	Mount Sinai		47 50					
Dec. 15, 1897	"		17 50					
Feb. 15, 1897	"		87 50					
Mar. 14, 1898	"		35 00					
April 25, 1898	"		67 50					
April 27, 1898	"	90 90						345 90
Dec. 22, 1897	Murat		117 50					
April 4, 1898	"		97 50					
May 11, 1898	"	137 40						352 40
Mar. 25, 1898	Naja		20 00					

Receipts.—Continued.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensations.	Money Returned from Mileage and Per Diem.	TOTALS.
May 19, 1898	Naja.....	\$15 00						\$25 00
Jan. 24, 1898	Oasis.....		\$57 00					
Feb. 25, 1898	".....			\$1 00				
April 28, 1898	".....	20 55						78 55
June 2, 1897	Oriental.....		46 00					
Nov. 22, 1897	".....		80 00					
Dec. 17, 1897	".....			1 00				
Mar. 3, 1898	".....		62 50					
May 2, 1898	".....	117 30	67 50					374 30
May 27, 1897	Osiris.....		92 00					
Dec. 1, 1897	".....		40 00					
Dec. 17, 1897	".....			1 00				
April 21, 1898	".....	65 40						
May 2, 1898	".....	15						198 55
June 5, 1897	Osman.....		42 00					
Nov. 11, 1897	".....		12 00					
Nov. 26, 1897	".....		3 00					
Jan. 27, 1898	".....		42 00					
April 30, 1898	".....	99 15						198 65
May 6, 1898	Palestine.....	111 00	87 50					198 50
Dec. 17, 1897	Pyramid.....		77 50					
May 5, 1898	".....	129 75	60 00					267 25
July 21, 1897	Rajah.....		42 00					
Oct. 20, 1897	".....		27 50					
Nov. 15, 1897	".....		2 50					
Dec. 15, 1897	".....		7 50					
Jan. 25, 1898	".....		25 00					
Feb. 14, 1898	".....		5 00					
Mar. 31, 1898	".....		7 50					
May 2, 1898	".....	74 55	22 50					214 05
Aug. 27, 1897	Rameses.....		15 00					
Dec. 27, 1897	".....		57 50					
May 11, 1898	".....	42 00	60 00					174 50
June 7, 1897	Sahara.....		22 00					
July 30, 1897	".....			1 00				
April 29, 1898	".....	27 90						50 90
July 14, 1897	Salaam.....	10 00	for 1897					10 00
June 9, 1897	Saladin.....		10 00					
Dec. 20, 1897	".....		27 50					
Feb. 21, 1898	".....		52 50					
April 30, 1898	".....	133 80						223 80
May 16, 1898	Sesostris.....	69 90	32 50					102 40
Nov. 3, 1897	Sphinx.....		112 50					
Mar. 30, 1898	".....		90 00					
April 6, 1898	".....	81 30						282 80
May 27, 1897	Syria.....						\$2 00	
June 4, 1897	".....		58 00					
Dec. 4, 1897	".....		167 50					
Dec. 15, 1897	".....			1 00				
Mar. 7, 1898	".....		87 50					
April 7, 1898	".....			1 00				
May 6, 1898	".....		115 00					
May 7, 1898	".....	198 15						630 15
May 26, 1897	Syrian.....		32 00					
May 28, 1897	".....		78 00					
Dec. 3, 1897	".....		32 50					
Mar. 5, 1898	".....		185 00	1 00				
May 9, 1898	".....	200 00						528 75
June 12, 1897	Tangier.....		50 00					
Nov. 1, 1897	".....		37 50					

Receipts.— Continued.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Duplicate Diploma Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensations.	Money Returned from Mileage and Per Diem.	TOTALS.
Dec. 16, 1897	Tangier		\$40 00					
May 9, 1898	"	\$91 50						\$219 00
April 11, 1898	Tebala.		22 50					
May 2, 1898	"	30 60						53 10
July 15, 1897	Tripoli		35 00					
Nov. 6, 1897	"		60 00					
April 9, 1898	"		122 50					
May 3, 1898	"	89 10						306 60
July 12, 1897	Yaarab		26 00					
Dec. 7, 1897	"		40 00	\$1 00				
April 4, 1897	"		12 50					
May 27, 1897	"		15 00					
May 4, 1897	"	37 80						132 30
May 20, 1897	Zamora		78 00					
July 21, 1897	"		2 00					
April 8, 1898	"		22 50					
May 5, 1898	"	27 30						129 80
May 24, 1897	Zem Zem		40 00					
Oct. 11, 1897	"		150 00					
Dec. 15, 1897	"		20 00					
Mar. 2, 1898	"		22 50					
May 6, 1898	"	76 95	25 00					334 45
Oct. 12, 1897	Ziyara		12 00					
Oct. 20, 1897	"		3 00					
Feb. 12, 1898	"		40 00					
Feb. 15, 1898	"			3 00				
Feb. 24, 1898	"		157 50					
April 26, 1898	"		27 00					
May 2, 1898	"	94 80						537 30
May 15, 1897	Zuhrah		80 00					
Sept. 24, 1897	"		34 00	1 00				
Oct. 4, 1897	"		8 50					
Jan. 1, 1898	"		30 50					
Feb. 5, 1898	"		10 00					
Mar. 7, 1898	"		22 50					
April 22, 1898	"			1 00				
May 7, 1898	"	107 70						294 70
		\$7207 70	\$12,253 50	\$37 00	\$35 00	\$200 00	\$14 50	\$19,747 70

Total Receipts from Temples	\$19,747 70
Sale of Proceedings, 1882	6 00
Donation, H. S. Frank	63 00
	<u>69 00</u>
	<u>\$19,816 70</u>

SUMMARY.

Amount received for Annual Dues	\$7,207 70
“ “ “ Initiation Fees	12,253 50
“ “ “ Duplicate Diplomas	37 00
“ “ “ Rituals	35 00
“ “ “ Certificates	14 50
“ “ “ Dispensation Fees	200 00
“ “ “ Proceedings, 1882	6 00
“ “ from Donation, H. S. Frank	63 00
Total	<u>\$19,816 70</u>

The following amounts have been paid to the Imperial Treasurer :—

Date.	Receipt No.	Amount.
May 26, 1897 . .	155	\$410 50
May 28, 1897 . .	“ “ 156	315 00
June 14, 1897 . .	“ “ 157	897 00
June 28, 1897 . .	“ “ 158	117 00
July 15, 1897 . .	“ “ 159	119 00
Sept. 7, 1897 . .	“ “ 160	387 50
Sept. 27, 1897 . .	“ “ 161	180 00
Oct. 11, 1897 . .	“ “ 162	489 50
Oct. 12, 1897 . .	“ “ 163	169 50
Oct. 20, 1897 . .	“ “ 164	215 50
Oct. 29, 1897 . .	“ “ 165	266 50
Nov. 1, 1897 . .	“ “ 166	278 50
Nov. 3, 1897 . .	“ “ 167	215 00
Nov. 8, 1897 . .	“ “ 168	203 50
Nov. 16, 1897 . .	“ “ 169	117 00
Nov. 22, 1897 . .	“ “ 170	141 00
Nov. 23, 1897 . .	“ “ 171	192 50
Nov. 26, 1897 . .	“ “ 172	243 00
Dec. 1, 1897 . .	“ “ 173	135 00
Dec. 2, 1897 . .	“ “ 174	140 00
Dec. 4, 1897 . .	“ “ 175	201 00
Dec. 6, 1897 . .	“ “ 176	122 50
Dec. 9, 1897 . .	“ “ 177	108 50
Dec. 13, 1897 . .	“ “ 178	265 00
Dec. 16, 1897 . .	“ “ 179	111 00
Dec. 20, 1897 . .	“ “ 180	295 50
Dec. 22, 1897 . .	“ “ 181	120 00
Dec. 31, 1897 . .	“ “ 182	197 50
Jan. 3, 1898 . .	“ “ 183	211 00
Jan. 22, 1898 . .	“ “ 184	102 00
Jan. 29, 1898 . .	“ “ 185	152 00
Feb. 4, 1898 . .	“ “ 186	170 00

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Date.	Receipt No.	Amount.
Feb. 8, 1898 . .	187	\$147 50
Feb. 11, 1898 . .	" 188	156 50
Feb. 15, 1898 . .	" 189	173 50
Feb. 21, 1898 . .	" 190	170 50
Mar. 22, 1898 . .	" 191	1,036 80
Mar. 24, 1898 . .	" 192	152 50
Mar. 26, 1898 . .	" 193	177 50
Mar. 26, 1898 . .	" 194	475 80
Mar. 30, 1898 . .	" 195	141 00
April 2, 1898 . .	" 196	223 00
April 4, 1898 . .	" 197	194 70
April 6, 1898 . .	" 198	147 30
April 8, 1898 . .	" 199	107 50
April 9, 1898 . .	" 200	227 50
April 12, 1898 . .	" 201	210 30
April 15, 1898 . .	" 202	102 50
April 22, 1898 . .	" 203	219 35
April 25, 1898 . .	" 204	185 70
April 25, 1898 . .	" 205	220 40
April 26, 1898 . .	" 206	209 85
April 27, 1898 . .	" 207	229 40
May 2, 1898 . .	" 208	1,243 05
May 2, 1898 . .	" 209	650 05
May 3, 1898 . .	" 210	473 40
May 4, 1898 . .	" 211	525 80
May 5, 1898 . .	" 212	457 50
May 6, 1898 . .	" 213	593 15
May 7, 1898 . .	" 214	653 95
May 7, 1898 . .	" 215	327 55
May 9, 1898 . .	" 216	912 45
May 10, 1898 . .	" 217	1,123 25
May 11, 1898 . .	" 218	239 40
May 12, 1898 . .	" 219	115 30
May 16, 1898 . .	" 220	68 90
May 18, 1898 . .	" 221	236 60
Amount over-paid receipts		\$19,817 95
		1 25
		\$19,816 70

WARRANTS DRAWN ON THE IMPERIAL TREASURER.

DATE.	No.	IN FAVOR OF	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.
June 18, 1897	151	Theo. A. W. Melchers	Dis. Fee returned	\$100 00
June 18, 1897	152	Al Kader Temple	Amount overpaid Imp. Recorder	34 00
June 18, 1897	153	B. W. Rowell	Amount paid Headquarters, Detroit	25 00
June 18, 1897	154	W. S. Brown	Amount pay roll, mileage and per diem	8322 06
June 25, 1897	155	W. B. Mellish	Expense typewriter	4 25
July 13, 1897	156	A. B. McGaffey	Account Contingent Fund	300 00
July 22, 1897	157	Mer. Trust Co	Bond Imp. Treasurer	100 00
July 27, 1897	158	E. B. Stillings & Co.	Printing and supplies	42 25
July 27, 1897	159	" "	" "	153 81
July 27, 1897	160	" "	Calendars and Constitution	212 65
July 27, 1897	161	" "	Proceedings 1882 and 1897	616 12
Aug. 2, 1897	162	B. W. Rowell	Two months' salary and expense	375 73
Oct. 16, 1897	163	A. B. McGaffey	Account Consolidated Fund	500 00
Oct. 21, 1897	164	B. W. Rowell	Two months' salary and expense	354 79
Nov. 30, 1897	165	H. Dingman	Expense instituting Alea Temple	107 30
Dec. 18, 1897	166	C. G. Braxmar	Jewel Imp. Potentate Harrison Dingman	500 00
Dec. 20, 1897	167	B. W. Rowell	Two months' salary and expense	398 74
Dec. 22, 1887	168	H. Dingman	Expense instituting Beni Kedem Temple	38 25
Feb. 5, 1898	169	B. W. Rowell	Two months' salary and expense	364 88
April 11, 1898	170	W. S. Brown	Envelopes, etc.	12 90
April 12, 1898	171	B. W. Rowell	Two months' salary, expense to Dallas, etc.	420 09
April 13, 1898	172	R. Lockey	Instituting El Korah Temple	85 70
April 23, 1898	173	E. B. Stillings & Co.	Printing and supplies	333 86
April 28, 1898	174	Al Kader	Amount overpaid Imp. Recorder	67 50
April 28, 1898	175	C. G. Braxmar	Badges for Representatives	168 75
May 4, 1898	176	B. W. Rowell	Four months' salary and ex. insp. Irem	373 60
May 4, 1898	177	W. S. Brown	One year's salary	200 00
May 5, 1898	178	A. B. McGaffey	Account Contingent Fund	200 00
May 20, 1898	179	B. W. Rowell	Amount overpaid Imp. Treasurer	1 25
				\$14,413 48

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts from May 1, 1898, to date, to go on new year's account.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	INITIATION FEES.
May 4, 1898	Aleppo	\$92 50
May 9, 1898	El Kahir	112 50
May 10, 1898	Beni Kedem	45 00
May 16, 1898	Moila	110 00
May 17, 1898	Lu Lu	12 50
May 19, 1898	Morocco	15 00
May 19, 1898	El Zagal	12 50
May 19, 1898	El Jebel	45 00
May 23, 1898	Tangier	65 00
May 23, 1898	El Zagal	2 50
May 27, 1898	Ismailia	75 00
May 31, 1898	Hella	37 50
June 1, 1898	Ballut Abyad	20 00
June 2, 1898	Rajah	10 00
June 3, 1898	Kismet	17 50
June 3, 1898	India	66 00

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DATE.	TEMPLE.	INITIATION FEES.
June 6, 1898	Moolah	\$120 00
June 6, 1898	Oasis	80 00
June 6, 1898	Osiris	132 50
		<u>\$1,071 00</u>

PAYMENTS TO THE IMPERIAL TREASURER ON ABOVE.

DATE.	AMOUNT.
May 23, 1898	\$510 00
June 13, 1898	561 00
	<u>\$1,071 00</u>

The expenses of my office for the term just closed have been as follows:—

Printing notices for suspensions	\$29 50
“ ballots	6 75
“ list of officers 1897 and 1898	12 75
“ calendars 1897 and 1898	98 50
“ orders for diplomas and circulars	23 25
“ blanks for election returns	5 75
“ circular requests for notices to be sent to Imperial Potentate	4 75
“ constitution and laws, 1897	79 75
“ blank returns of Temples	19 75
“ 826 copies proceedings 1897	487 37
“ typewriter paper	5 75
“ and binding list of representatives 1897 and 1898	98 89
Lithographing 5,175 certificates	150 59
Printing 1st call session, 1898	7 75
“ 2d call session, 1898	18 75
Mailing tubes for diplomas	24 26
Binding three vols. annual returns	6 00
Engraving and electrotyping of autograph	5 65
Engraving half-tone portraits	19 60
“ cut of vase necrology	9 50
1,000 Government envelopes	24 50
Postage from May 1, 1897, to May 1, 1898	75 11
Express from May 1, 1897, to May 1, 1898	24 85
Stationery from May 1, 1897, to May 1, 1898	11 35
Chair for office	9 00
Telegrams	1 10
Making a total of	\$1,260 77
or \$110.68 less than for the year 1897.	

RITUAL ACCOUNTS.

The Rituals now outstanding are as follows, as per receipts on file in the office of the Imperial Recorder.

No. 1	William B. Melish
" 2, 3, 4	Mohammed Temple
" 5, 6, 7	Al Koran Temple
" 8, 9, 10	Boumi Temple
" 11, 12	Alhambra Temple
" 13, 14, 15	India Temple
" 16, 17, 18	Syria Temple
" 19, 20, 21	Hamasa Temple
" 22, 23, 24	Rajah Temple
" 25	Yaarab Temple
" 26	Almas Temple
" 27	Albert B. McGaffey
" 28, 29, 77	El Kahir Temple
" 30, 31	Syrian Temple
" 32, 33, 34	Abdallah Temple
" 35, 36, 37	Tebala Temple
" 38, 39	Oasis Temple
" 40	Kaaba Temple
" 41, 42, 43	Saladin Temple
" 44, 45	Medinah Temple
" 46, 47	Sahara Temple
" 48, 49	Aleppo Temple
" 50, 51, 52, 211	Zem Zem Temple
" 53, 54, 55	Lu Lu Temple
" 56	Oriental Temple
" 57	Al Chymia Temple
" 58, 59	Tangier Temple
" 60, 61	Media Temple
" 62, 63, 64	Zuhrah Temple
" 65, 66, 67	Mt. Sinai Temple
" 68	Osman Temple
" 69, 70, 71	Korein Temple
" 72, 73, 74	Acca Temple
" 75	El Riad Temple
" 76	Morocco Temple
" 78, 135, 173	Affi Temple
" 79, 180	Rameses Temple
" 80, 81, 82	Salaam Temple
" 83, 84	Sesostris Temple
" 85, 86, 87	Kora Temple
" 88, 89, 90	Pyramid Temple
" 91, 92	Ballut Abyad Temple

No. 93, 94, 188, 189	Moslem Temple
" 95, 96, 97	Naja Temple
" 98, 99, 100	Kismet Temple
" 101, 102	Osiris Temple
" 103, 104, 148	Jerusalem Temple
" 105, 106, 107	Moolah Temple
" 108, 109, 110	Tripoli Temple
" 111, 112, 113	Ahmed Temple
" 114, 115, 116	El Katif Temple
" 117, 118, 119	Hella Temple
" 120, 157, 158	Al Kader Temple
" 121, 122	Cyprus Temple
" 123, 124, 125	Isis Temple
" 126, 127, 128	Islam Temple
" 129, 130, 142, 187	Moila Temple
" 131, 132, 168	Murat Temple
" 133, 134	Ararat Temple
" 136, 137, 138	El Kalah Temple
" 139, 140, 141, 210	Al Malaikah Temple
" 143	Ziyara Temple
" 144, 181, 182, 186	Ben Hur Temple
" 145, 146, 147	Palestine Temple
" 149, 150, 151	Ismailia Temple
" 152, 161, 191	Kosair Temple
" 153, 154	Algeria Temple
" 155, 156, 172	Mecca Temple
" 159, 160	Aladdin Temple
" 162	Damascus Temple
" 163, 164, 165	El Jebel Temple
" 166	Osman Temple
" 167	Medinah Temple
" 169, 170, 171	El Zagal Temple
" 174, 175, 176	Zamora Temple
" 177, 178, 179	Ireni Temple
" 183, 184, 185	El Zaribah Temple
" 192, 193, 194	Sphinx Temple
" 195, 196, 197	Beni Kedem Temple
" 198, 199, 200	Alee Temple
" 201, 202, 203	El Korah Temple
" 205	J. Lew Rake
" 206, 207, 208	Melha Temple
" 209	Antioch Temple
" 204	Harrison Dingman

Nos. 213 to 500 are in the archives of the office of the Imperial Recorder.

During the term just closed, I have issued circulars and notices by direction of the Imperial Potentate as follows:—

June 25, 1897, List of officers elected at twenty-third session.
 July 1, 1897, Mohammedan Calendar.
 July 10, 1897, Circulars relating to diplomas.
 July 15, 1897, Circulars containing requests for notices of sessions.
 Jan. 25, 1898, List of Representatives and officers.
 Mar. 1, 1898, First Call, Annual Session, 1898.
 Apr. 1, 1898, Second Call, Annual Session, 1898.

I desire to call the attention of the Imperial Council to the fact that many of the Temples, notwithstanding the law passed at the Twenty-third Annual Session of the Imperial Council, do not apply for or pay for diplomas immediately after each session of the Temple, but neglect this important matter till the annual returns are sent in, which entails upon your Imperial Recorder an immense amount of labor, when he is the busiest. This in my opinion should be remedied, not that your Recorder would shirk any of the labors of the office, but to have the law complied with, and bring the labor more evenly distributed, where it belongs.

From April 30 to May 20 your Recorder was compelled to engross more than 1,500 diplomas or more than one-fourth of the whole number for the year.

Your Imperial Recorder would call your attention to the Standing Resolutions on page eighteen of the Constitution and Law of this Imperial Council for 1897 and 1898 relating to List of Expulsion, etc.

Owing to the various Temples not making quarterly reports, and many Temples making no report until their annual returns to the Imperial Recorder, it is impossible to carry into effect the purposes of this resolution, and your Imperial Recorder would recommend that this resolution be so amended that the notification shall be made by the Temple suspending or expelling, direct to all other Temples.

It is needless for your Recorder to close by calling attention to the kindly courtesies that have always been received by him from the members of the Order, and the officials of the Temples, but he desires to go on record, that he has and does heartily appreciate the many kindly things that have fallen to his lot, and the ever and cordial co-operation that all with whom his lot has been cast, has so freely been accorded to him. That the glory of the Order may ever continue, that the prosperity and harmony now existing may never cease, is the heartiest wish of one who is sincerely
 Yours in the faith,


 Imperial Recorder.

On motion the report was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE IMPERIAL TREASURER

The Imperial Treasurer, Wm. S. Brown, presented his annual report as follows:—

PITTSBURG, PA., May 1, 1898.

*To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council
A.A.O.N.M.S., meeting at Dallas, Texas, June 14 and 15, 1898.*

As the Treasurer of your Imperial Council, I have the pleasure of making the following report and statement of all moneys received and disbursed since the meeting of the Imperial Council held at Detroit, Mich., June 7, 1897.

1897.

To Balance from last year's account.....\$9,284 49

May	31,	To Cash from Imp. Rec. B. W. Rowell, Receipt No. 155	\$410 50
"	"	" " " " " " " " " " " "	156 315 00
June	16,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	157 897 00
"	29,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	158 117 00
July	16,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	159 119 00
Sept.	7,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	160 387 50
"	28,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	161 180 00
Oct.	12,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	162 489 50
"	13,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	163 169 50
"	25,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	164 215 50
"	30,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	165 266 50
Nov.	2,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	166 278 50
"	4,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	167 215 00
"	10,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	168 203 50
"	18,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	169 117 00
"	25,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	170 141 00
"	26,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	171 192 50
"	29,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	172 243 00
Dec.	2,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	173 125 00
"	4,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	174 140 00
"	6,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	175 201 00
"	7,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	176 122 50
"	10,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	177 108 50
"	14,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	178 265 00
"	18,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	179 111 00
"	22,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	180 295 50
"	24,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	181 120 00

1898.

Jan.	3,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	182 197 50
"	3,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	183 211 00
"	22,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	184 102 00
"	31,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	185 152 00
Feb.	8,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	186 170 00
"	10,	" " " " " " " " " " " "	187 147 50

Feb.	14,	To Cash from Imp. Rec. B. W. Rowell, Receipt No. 188	\$156 50
"	16,	" " " " " " " " 189	173 50
"	23,	" " " " " " " " 190	170 50
March	24,	" " " " " " " " 191	1,036 50
"	25,	" " " " " " " " 192	152 50
"	28,	" " " " " " " " 193	177 50
"	28,	" " " " " " " " 194	475 80
"	31,	" " " " " " " " 195	141 00
April	4,	" " " " " " " " 196	223 00
"	5,	" " " " " " " " 197	194 70
"	8,	" " " " " " " " 198	147 30
"	11,	" " " " " " " " 199	107 50
"	11,	" " " " " " " " 200	227 50
"	14,	" " " " " " " " 201	210 30
"	18,	" " " " " " " " 202	102 50
"	25,	" " " " " " " " 203	219 85
"	27,	" " " " " " " " 204	185 70
"	28,	" " " " " " " " 205	220 40
"	28,	" " " " " " " " 206	209 85
"	29,	" " " " " " " " 207	229 40
May	4,	" " " " " " " " 208	1,243 05
"	4,	" " " " " " " " 209	650 05
"	4,	" " " " " " " " 210	473 40
"	6,	" " " " " " " " 211	525 80
"	7,	" " " " " " " " 212	457 50
"	9,	" " " " " " " " 213	593 15
"	9,	" " " " " " " " 214	653 95
"	9,	" " " " " " " " 215	327 55
"	11,	" " " " " " " " 216	912 45
"	12,	" " " " " " " " 217	1,123 25
"	13,	" " " " " " " " 218	239 40
"	14,	" " " " " " " " 219	115 30
"	18,	" " " " " " " " 220	68 90
"	20,	" " " " " " " " 221	236 60
Interest on daily balance First National Bank.....			110 00
			<u>\$29,212 44</u>
To Balance.....			\$14,798 96

DISBURSEMENTS.

1896.	By Warrant No.		
June	24	151 T. A. W. Melcher, Charter Fee, Akaba Temple returned.....	\$100 00
"	24	152 Al Kader Temple, amount overpaid Imp. Council 1896	34 00
"	24	153 B. W. Rowell, Imp. Recorder, Headquarters, De- troit, Mich.....	25 00
"	24	154 W. S. Brown, pay-roll, Imp. Council, Detroit, Mich.	8,322 06
"	28	155 W. B. Melish, Detroit, expense typewriting report	4 25
July	17	156 A. B. McGaffey, Imp. Potentate, on account Con- tingent Fund	300 00
"	24	157 Mercantile Trust Co. for Imp. Treasurer Bond	100 00
"	30	158 E. B. Stillings & Co., printing bill to May 29.....	42 25
"	30	159 E. B. Stillings & Co., printing bill to June 30.....	153 81
"	30	160 E. B. Stillings & Co., printing bill July 14.....	212 65
"	30	161 E. B. Stillings & Co., printing bill July 24.....	616 12

Aug.	4	162	B. W. Rowell, Imp. Recorder, salary, two months, \$333.33; postage, \$24.65; express, \$14.75; printing, \$3.00.....	\$375 73
Oct.	25	163	A. B. McGaffey, Imp. Potentate, on account Contingent Fund	500 00
"	25	164	B. W. Rowell, Imp. Recorder, two months' salary, \$333.33; expressage, \$7.90; postage and express, \$13.50.....	354 79
Dec.	2	165	H. Dingman, express; visiting Savannah, Ga.....	107 30
"	21	166	C. G. Braxmar, jewel for Harrison Dingman.....	500 00
"	22	167	B. W. Rowell, Imp. Recorder, two months' salary; sundry expense, \$65.41.....	398 74
"	24	168	Harrison Dingman, expense visitation Charleston, W. Virginia.....	38 25
1897.				
Feb.	8	169	B. W. Rowell, Imp. Recorder, two months' salary, \$333.33; sundry expense, \$31.55.....	364 88
April	12	170	W. S. Brown, Imp. Treasurer, stationery, stamps, etc.....	12 90
"	14	171	B. W. Rowell, Imp. Recorder two months' salary, \$334.00; express, Dallas, \$75.00; postage, \$11.09	420 09
"	14	172	Richary Locky, expenses instituting El Korah Temple.....	85 70
"	25	173	E. B. Stillings & Co., printing bill to April 11.....	333 86
"	30	174	Al Kader Temple, overpaid annual dues.....	67 50
"	30	175	Chas. G. Braxmar, 225 badges.....	168 75
May	7	176	B. W. Rowell, Imp. Recorder, two months' salary..	373 60
"	7	177	W. S. Brown, Imp. Treasurer, twelve months' salary.....	200 00
"	7	178	A. B. McGaffey, Imp. Potentate, balance Contingent Fund.....	200 00
"		179	B. W. Rowell, Imp. Recorder, amount overpaid Imp. Treasurer.....	1 25
			Balance.....	14,798 96
				<u>\$29,212 44</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Balance on hand from last audit, Detroit.....	\$9,284 49
Cash received from Recorder from receipts 155 to 221 each inclusive	19,817 95
Interest on daily balance, First National Bank, Pitsburg.....	110 00
Total.....	<u>\$29,212 44</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

From Warrants No. 151 to 179 each inclusive	\$14,413 48
Balance on hand June 1, 1898.....	14,798 96
	<u>\$29,212 44</u>

The receipts of cash in excess of previous year amount to \$4,638 79
The disbursements being less this year than the previous one.....1,335 06

Very respectfully submitted by your Imperial Treasurer,

WILLIAM S. BROWN.

On motion the report was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council,
A.A.O.N.M.S.

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to submit the following report:—

Credentials in proper form have been presented to the committee, as to the following named Nobles, and we recommend that they be received as representatives of their respective Temples and recognized as active members of this session of the Imperial Council:—

WALTER M. FLEMING	Member <i>ad vitam</i> .
*SAM BRIGGS	“ “
WILLIAM B. MELISH	“ “
THOMAS J. HUDSON	“ “
*CHARLES L. FIELD	“ “
*HARRISON DINGMAN	“ “

Abdallah Temple.

- *John H. Atwood.
- *Edward W. Osgood.
- *Peter J. Freling.

Acca Temple.

- George L. Street.
- *Fred Pleasants.

Ajiji Temple.

- Hamilton Allan.

Ahmed Temple.

- *Frank E. Ketchum.
- Francis M. Moore.

Aladdin Temple.

- *William E. Joseph.
- George H. Barger.
- *Peter Sells, Jr.

Al Chymia Temple.

- *Harry D. Wilson.

Alee Temple.

- Ernest A. Cutts.

Aleppo Temple.

- *Benjamin W. Rowell.
- *Frederick H. Spring.
- *James A. Fox.
- *Francis W. Bird.

Algeria Temple.

- *Richard Lockey.

Alhambra Temple.

- *Archibald N. Sloan.

Al Kadar Temple.

- *Geo. W. Hazen.

Al Koran Temple.

- *Walstene D. Pudney.
- *John F. Lane.
- *Louis J. Noble.
- *Neville S. Harris.

The representatives whose names are designated with () are present at this session.

Al Malaikah Temple.

- *Charles Campbell.
- R. N. Bulla.
- Mark G. Jones.

Almas Temple.

- *Harry G. Standiford.
- *Frank H. Thomas.
- *Thomas B. Walker.
- *Andrew W. Kelley.

Ararat Temple.

- *Ethelbert F. Allen.
- *Thomas R. Morrow.
- *Charles G. Burton.
- *James D. Havens.

Ballut Abyad Temple.

- *Edward Medler.

Ben Hur Temple.

- *William H. Bell.

Beni Kedem Temple.

- *Joseph Ruffner.

Boumi Temple.

- *George W. Starr.
- *W. J. Cunningham.
- *Charles W. Hatter.

Cyprus Temple.

- Will L. Lloyd.
- *Thomas J. Bishop.
- William W. Grey.

Damascus Temple.

- *George F. Loder.
- *Norman F. Haskell.
- *F. E. Shedd
- *William S. Bradt.

El Jebel Temple.

- *Fred W. Parks.
- *Albert B. McGaffey.
- *Albert F. Vick Roy.
- *David D. Seerie.

El Kahir Temple.

- *Edwin I. Alderman.
- *George W. Ball.
- *Ernest A. Leo.
- *Charles W. Mullin.

El Kulah Temple

- *Samuel McDowell.

El Katif Temple.

- *L. P. Beauman.

El Riad Temple.

- Daniel S. Glidden.
- *Park Davis.
- Charles E. McKinney.

El Zagal Temple.

- Clark W. Kelley.
- *J. F. Callahan.
- Dewitt C. Moore.

El Zaribah Temple.

- *Thomas Armstrong, Jr.

Hamasa Temple.

- *James M. Buchanan.

Hella Temple.

- *George H. Green.
- *John G. Hunter.
- *James Garrity.

India Temple.

- *Edmond H. Doyle.

Irem Temple.

- *William L. Raeder.

Islam Temple.

- Victor D. Duboce.
- *John H. Gray.
- W. H. F. Titus.
- John M. Curtis.

The representatives whose names are designated with () are present at this session.

Isis Temple.

- *Edward W. Wellington.
- *John Anderson.
- *Edward C. Culp.

Ismailia Temple.

- Charles W. Cushman.
- *Frank T. Gilbert.
- *George L. Brown.
- *Erastus C. Knight.

Jerusalem Temple.

- *Richard Lambert.

Kuaba Temple.

- George L. Osborn.
- Levi F. Cralle.
- *Joseph W. Eells.
- *George F. White.

Kismet Temple.

- *Clarence E. Stump.
- Martin B. Klopp.
- Joseph U. Cummin.
- *Frank C. Mason.

Kora Temple.

- *George D. Babbitt.
- *Albert E. Verrill.
- *William H. Newell.

Korein Temple.

- *William Daley.

Kosair Temple.

- *William Ryan.
- Thomas C. Timberlake.

Lu Lu Temple.

- *Edward B. Jordan.
- *Frederick Leibrandt.
- *Philip C. Shaffer.
- *Arthur H. Woodward.

Mecca Temple.

- George W. Millar.
- *James McGee.
- *Saram R. Ellison.
- Augustus W. Peters.

Media Temple.

- *Danford G. Eggleston.
- *Thomas J. Whitney.
- *Oron V. Davis.

Medinah Temple.

- *Robert M. Johnson.
- *Frank C. Roundy.
- *Frank W. Campbell.
- *William Johnston.

Mohammed Temple.

- *George W. Curtis.
- *Seth F. Haskins.

Moila Temple.

- *William L. Buechle.
- *Alva P. Clayton.
- *Charles A. Batson.

Moolah Temple.

- *John A. Laird.
- *Fred A. Smith.
- *Wm. H. Mayo.
- *George T. Matthews.

Morocco Temple.

- *W. P. Webster.

Moslem Temple.

- *Charles F. Beck.
- *Wm. M. Bailey.
- *Edward R. Harris.
- *Frank O. Gilbert.

Mount Sinai Temple.

- *Stephen R. Colby.
- *George E. Randall.
- *Horace W. Lyford.

The representatives whose names are designated with () are present at this session.

Murat Temple.

- *Henry C. Adams.
- *Chalmers Brown.
- *Horace F. Wood.
- *Roscoe O. Hawkins.

Naja Temple.

George V. Ayres.

Oasis Temple.

- *Walter S. Liddell.

Oriental Temple.

- *Elwin H. Miller.
- *Henry Schneider.
- *Charles H. Smith.
- *John F. Smith.

Osiris Temple.

- *W. W. Irwin.
- *W. Alfred Wilson.
- W. W. Vanwinkle.

Osman Temple.

- William H. S. Wright.
- Frederick E. Rice.
- Henry C. Hope.
- *J. W. Chamberlain.

Palestine Temple.

- George H. Burnham.
- Horace K. Blanchard.
- *Albert L. Anthony.
- George L. Shepley.

Pyramid Temple.

- *J. Reed Topping.
- *Thad B. Beecher.
- Carleton E. Hoadley.
- Charles B. Ware.

Rajah Temple.

- James L. Rake.
- Henry P. Keiser.
- J. William Jost.

Rameses Temple.

- *Henry A. Collins.

Sahara Temple.

- *John T. Marsh.

Saladin Temple.

- *Lou B. Winsor.
- *Charles E. Fink.
- *L. E. Wood.
- J. A. Wolcott.

Sesostris Temple.

- *C. E. Baker.
- M. H. Garten.
- *James Tyler.

Sphinx Temple.

- *Rial S. Peck.
- Frank D. May.
- *William G. Simmons.

Syria Temple.

- *William S. Brown.
- *William H. Walker.
- *Americus V. Holmes.
- *Theodore W. Siemon.

Syrian Temple.

- John H. Bromwell.
- *Morris H. Buchwalter.
- *Levi C. Goodale.
- *Allen Andrews.

Tangier Temple.

- John B. Rahm.
- *Henry C. Akin.
- *Richard Smith.
- *Gustave Anderson.

Tebala Temple.

- *Thomas D. Reber.

Tripoli Temple.

- *Geo. T. Hooley.
- William H. Braizer.
- *William Reckmeyer.

The representatives whose names are designated with () are present at this session.

Yaarab Temple

Harry C. Stockdell.

Zamora Temple.

*William J. Pearce.

Zuhrah Temple.

John A. Schlener.

H. M. Myers.

*S. S. Kilvington.

Robert D. Russell.

Zem Zem Temple.

*Frank J. Bassett.

*William C. Shaw.

*W. W. Gingrich.

Ziyara Temple.

*Wm. H. Cloher.

*A. J. Brown.

*Daniel B. Simmons.

*John B. Jones.

Your committee find that El Korah, Melha and Antioch Temples being under dispensation, and Salaam Temple being under suspension, are not entitled to have representation in this session.

FRANK T. GILBERT.

S. McDOWELL.

J. W. CHAMBERLIN.

W. H. BELL.

GUSTAVE ANDERSON.

On motion the report was accepted and approved.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PAY OF REPRESENTATIVES.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council.

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem would respectfully recommend that the representatives to the Imperial Council be paid mileage at the rate of six cents per mile for one way travelled, to be computed by the shortest route, and a per diem allowance of ten dollars per day, for two days, and an extra allowance of ten dollars to each member of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. JOHNSTON.

CHALMERS BROWN.

GEO. W. STARR.

GEO. D. BABBITT.

The report was accepted, approved and the recommendations adopted.

* The representatives whose names are designated with (*) are present at this session.

*Pay-roll and Report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem of the Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S.,
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Atwood, John H.	Abdallah	Leavenworth, Kan.	542				\$199 30		
Osgood, Ed. W.	"	"	542	\$32 52	\$20 00	\$52 52		\$52 52	\$52 52
Freling, Peter J.	"	"	542	32 52	20 00	52 52		52 52	52 52
Pleasants, Fred	Acca	Richmond, Va.	1632	97 92	20 00	117 92	163 05	117 92	117 92
Ketchum, Frank E.	Ahmed	Marquette, Mich.	1345	80 70	20 00	100 70	151 65	100 70	100 70
Joseph, William	Aladdin	Columbus, Ohio.	1146	68 76	20 00	88 76	243 80	88 76	88 76
Sells, Peter, Jr.	"	"	1146	68 76	20 00	88 76		88 76	88 76
Wilson, Harry D.	Al Chymia	Memphis, Tenn.	501	30 06	20 00	50 06	29 85	29 85	29 85
Rowell, Benjamin W.	Aleppo	Boston, Mass.	2016	120 96	20 00	140 96	992 50	140 96	140 96
Spring, Frederick H.	"	"	2016	120 96	20 00	140 96		150 96	150 96
Fox, James A.	"	"	2016	120 96	20 00	140 96		140 96	140 96
Bird, Francis W.	"	"	2016	120 96	20 00	140 96		140 96	140 96
Lockey, Richard	Algeria	Helena, Mont.	1833	108 18	20 00	128 18	143 10	128 18	128 18
Sloan, Archibald N.	Alhambra	Chattanooga, Tenn.	823	49 38	20 00	69 38	143 00	69 38	69 38
Hazen, Geo. W.	Al Kader	Portland, Ore.	2500	150 00	20 00	170 00	103 65	103 65	103 65
Pudney, Waistene D.	Al Koran	Cleveland, Ohio.	1301	78 06	20 00	98 06	319 65	79 91	79 91
Lane, John F.	"	"	1301	78 06	20 00	98 06		79 91	79 91
Noble, Louis J.	"	"	1301	78 06	20 00	98 06		79 91	79 91
Harris, Neville S.	"	"	1301	78 06	20 00	98 06		79 91	79 91
Briggs, Sam (<i>ad vitam</i>)	"	"	1301	78 06	20 00	98 06		98 06	98 06
Campbell, Charles	Al Malaikah	Los Angeles, Cal.	1453	87 54	20 00	107 54	265 70	107 54	107 54
Standiford, Harry G.	Almas	Washington, D.C.	1606	96 36	20 00	116 36	309 00	103 00	103 00
Walker, Thomas B.	"	"	1606	96 36	20 00	116 36		103 00	103 00
Kelley, Andrew W.	"	"	1606	96 36	20 00	116 36		103 00	103 00
Dingman, Harrison (<i>ad vitam</i>)	"	"	1606	96 36	20 00	116 36		126 36	126 36
King, J. R.	Antioch U.D.	Dayton, Ohio.	1039	62 34	20 00	82 34	451 20	82 34	82 34
Smart, Geo. M.	"	"	1039	62 34	20 00	82 34		82 34	82 34
Allen, Ethelbert F.	Ararat	Kansas City, Mo.	517	31 02	20 00	51 02	300 85	51 02	51 02
Morrow, Thomas R.	"	"	517	31 02	20 00	51 02		51 02	51 02
Burton, Charles G.	"	"	517	31 02	20 00	51 02		51 02	51 02

Havens, Joseph D.	Ararat	Kansas City, Mo.	517	31 02	20 00	51 02		51 02	51 02
Medler, Edward	Ballut Abyad	Albuquerque, N.M.	1153	89 18	20 00	89 18	40 40	40 40	40 40
Bell, William H.	Ben Hur	Austin, Texas.	209	12 54	20 00	32 54	63 10	32 54	32 54
Starr, George W.	Bounni	Baltimore, Md.	1645	98 70	20 00	118 70	168 35	56 11	56 11
Cunningham, W. J.	"	"	1645	98 70	20 00	118 70		56 11	56 11
Hatter, Charles W.	"	"	1645	98 70	20 00	118 70		56 11	56 11
Bishop, Thomas J.	Cyprus	Albany, N.Y.	1910	114 60	20 00	134 60	236 60	134 60	134 60
Loder, George F.	Damascus	Rochester, N.Y.	1510	90 60	20 00	110 60	328 55	82 14	82 14
Haskell, Norman F.	"	"	1510	90 60	20 00	110 60		82 14	82 14
Shedd, F. E.	"	"	1510	90 60	20 00	110 60		82 14	82 14
Bradt, William S.	"	"	1510	90 60	20 00	110 60		82 14	82 14
Parks, Fred W.	El Jebel	Denver, Col.	843	50 58	30 00	80 58	150 15	47 54	47 54
McGaffey, Albert B.	"	"	843	50 58	20 00	70 58		37 54	37 54
Vick Roy, A. F.	"	"	843	50 58	20 00	70 58		37 54	37 54
Secrie, David D.	"	"	843	50 58	20 00	70 58		37 54	37 54
McDowall, Samuel	El Kalah	Salt Lake City, Utah.	1344	80 64	20 00	100 64	70 40	70 40	70 40
Alderman, Edwin I.	El Kahir	Cedar Rapids, Iowa.	850	51 00	20 00	71 00	410 35	71 00	71 00
Ball, George W.	"	"	850	51 00	20 00	71 00		71 00	71 00
Leo, Ernest A.	"	"	850	51 00	20 00	71 00		71 00	71 00
Mullin, Charles W.	"	"	850	51 00	20 00	71 00		71 00	71 00
Baumann, L. P.	El Katif	Spokane, Wash.	2196	131 76	20 00	151 76	103 80	103 80	103 80
Davis, Park	El Riad	Sioux Falls, S.D.	2000	120 00	20 00	140 00	144 65	140 00	140 00
Callahan, J. F.	El Zagal	Fargo, N.D.	1324	79 44	20 00	99 44	326 05	99 04	99 04
Armstrong, Thomas, Jr.	El Zaribah	Phoenix, Arizona.	1048	62 88	20 00	82 88	135 75	82 88	82 88
Buchanan, J. M.	Hamasa	Meridian, Miss.	495	29 70	20 00	49 70	153 05	49 70	49 70
Green, George H.	Hella	Dallas, Texas.			20 00		274 50	20 00	20 00
Hunter, John G.	"	"			20 00			20 00	20 00
Garrity, James	"	"			20 00			20 00	20 00
Doyle, E. H.	India	Oklahoma City, O.T.	199	11 94	20 00	31 94	80 00	31 94	31 94
Raeder, William L.	Irem	Wilkes Barre, Pa.	1607	96 42	20 00	116 42	220 35	116 42	116 42
Wellington, Edward W.	Isis	Salina, Kansas.	570	34 20	20 00	54 20	217 45	54 20	54 20
Anderson, John	"	"	570	34 20	20 00	54 20		54 20	54 20
Culp, Edward C.	"	"	570	34 20	20 00	54 20		54 20	54 20
Gray, John H.	Islam	San Francisco, Cal.	1894	113 64	20 00	133 64	233 95	133 64	133 64
Field, Chas. L. (<i>ad vitam</i>)	"	"	1894	113 64	20 00	133 64		133 64	133 64
Gilbert, Frank T.	Ismailia	Buffalo, N.Y.	1448	86 88	20 00	106 88	355 25	106 88	106 88
Brown, George L.	"	"	1448	86 88	20 00	106 88		106 88	106 88
Knight, Erastus C.	"	"	1448	86 88	20 00	106 88		106 88	106 88
Lambert, Richard	Jerusalem	New Orleans, La.	515	30 90	20 00	50 90	81 50	50 90	50 90
Eells, Joseph W.	Kaaba	Davenport, Iowa.	818	49 08	20 00	69 08	295 10	69 08	69 08
White, George F.	"	"	818	49 08	20 00	69 08		69 08	69 08
Stump, Clarence E.	Kismet	Brooklyn, N.Y.	1768	106 08	20 00	126 08	312 25	126 08	126 08

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Mason, Frank C.	Kismet	Brooklyn, N.Y.	1768	\$106 08	\$20 00	\$126 08		\$126 08	\$126 08
Rabbitt, George D.	Kora	Lewiston, Me.	2146	128 76	20 00	148 06		102 52	102 52
Verrill, Albert E.	"	"	2146	128 76	20 00	148 06	\$307 55	102 52	102 52
Newell, William H.	"	"	2146	128 76	20 00	148 06		102 52	102 52
Daley, William	Korein	Rawlins, Wyo.	1140	68 40	20 00	88 40	48 80	48 80	48 80
Ryan, William	Kosair	Louisville, Ky.	861	51 66	20 00	71 66	162 25	71 66	71 66
Jordan, Edward B.	Lu Lu	Philadelphia, Penn.	1742	104 52	20 00	124 50	808 85	124 50	124 50
Leibrandt, Fred	"	"	1742	104 52	20 00	124 50		124 50	124 50
Shaffer, Philip C.	"	"	1742	104 52	20 00	124 50		124 50	124 50
Woodward, Arthur H.	"	"	1742	104 52	20 00	124 50		124 50	124 50
McGee, James	Mecca	New York, N.Y.	1768	106 08	20 00	126 08	1139 60	126 08	126 08
Ellison, Saram R.	"	"	1768	106 08	20 00	126 08		126 08	126 08
Eggleston, Danford G.	Media	Watertown, N.Y.	1718	103 08	20 00	123 08	178 70	59 57	59 57
Whitney, Thomas J.	"	"	1718	103 08	20 00	123 08		59 57	59 57
Davis, Oron V.	"	"	1718	103 08	20 00	123 08		59 57	59 57
Johnson, Robert M.	Medinah	Chicago, Ill.	966	57 96	20 00	77 96	792 30	77 96	77 96
Roundy, Frank C.	"	"	966	57 96	20 00	77 96		77 96	77 96
Campbell, Frank W.	"	"	966	57 96	20 00	77 96		77 96	77 96
Johnston, William	"	"	966	57 96	20 00	77 96		77 96	77 96
Curtis, George W.	Melba, U.D.	Springfield, Mass.					311 80		
Haskins, Seth F.	Mohammed	Peoria, Ill.	955	57 30	20 00	77 30	207 90	77 30	77 30
Ruechle, William L.	"	"	955	57 30	20 00	77 30		77 30	77 30
Clayton, Alva P.	Moila	St. Joseph, Mo.	580	34 80	20 00	54 80	156 55	52 18	52 18
Ratson, Charles A.	"	"	580	34 80	20 00	54 80		52 18	52 18
Laird, John A.	"	"	580	34 80	20 00	54 80		52 18	52 18
Smith, Fred A.	Moolah	St. Louis, Mo.	711	42 66	20 00	62 66	316 15	62 66	62 66
Mayo, Wm. H.	"	"	711	42 66	20 00	62 66		62 66	62 66
Matthews, George T.	"	"	711	42 66	20 00	62 66		62 66	62 66
Webster, W. P.	Morocco	Jacksonville, Fla.	1146	88 76	20 00	108 76	66 80	66 80	66 80
Beck, Charles F.	Moslem	Detroit, Mich.	1163	69 78	20 00	89 78	442 85	89 78	89 78

Bailey, Wm. M.	Moslem	Detroit, Mich.	1163	69 78	20 00	89 78		89 78	89 78
Harris, Ed. R.	"	"	1163	69 78	20 00	89 78		89 78	89 78
Gilbert, Frank O.	"	"	1163	69 78	20 00	89 78		89 78	89 78
Colby, Stephen R.	Mount Sinai	Montpelier, Vt.	1834	110 04	20 00	130 04	345 90	115 30	115 30
Randall, George E.	"	"	1834	110 04	20 00	130 04		115 30	115 30
Lyford, Horace W.	"	"	1834	110 04	20 00	130 04		115 30	115 30
Adams, Henry C.	Murat	Indianapolis, Ind.	1007	60 42	20 00	80 42	352 40	80 42	80 42
Brown, Chalmers	"	"	1007	60 42	20 00	80 42		80 42	80 42
Wood, Horace F.	"	"	1007	60 42	20 00	80 42		80 42	80 42
Hawkins, Roscoe O.	"	"	1007	60 42	20 00	80 42		80 42	80 42
Liddell, Walter L.	Oasis	Charlotte, N.C.	1390	83 40	20 00	103 40	78 55	78 55	78 55
Miller, Elwin H.	Oriental	Troy, N.Y.	1795	107 70	20 00	127 70	374 30	93 57	93 57
Schneider, Henry	"	"	1795	107 70	20 00	127 70		93 57	93 57
Smith, Charles H.	"	"	1795	107 70	20 00	127 70		93 57	93 57
Smith, John F.	"	"	1795	107 70	20 00	127 70		93 57	93 57
Irwin, W. W.	Osiris	Wheeling, W. Va.	1380	82 80	20 00	102 80	198 55	99 28	99 28
Wilson, W. Alfred	"	"	1380	82 80	20 00	102 80		99 28	99 28
Chamberlain, J. W.	Osman	St. Paul, Minn.	1294	77 61	20 00	97 61	198 65	97 64	97 64
Anthony, Albert L.	Palestine	Providence, R.I.	2021	121 26	20 00	141 26	198 50	141 26	141 26
Topping, J. Reed	Pyramid	Bridgeport, Conn.	1826	109 56	20 00	129 56	267 25	129 56	129 56
Beecher, Thad. B.	"	"	1826	109 56	20 00	129 56		129 56	129 56
Collins, Henry A.	Rameses	Toronto, Can.	1426	85 56	20 00	105 56	174 50	105 56	105 56
Marsh, John T.	Sahara	Pine Bluff, Ark.	338	20 28	20 00	40 28	50 90	40 28	40 28
Winsor, Lou B.	Saladin	Grand Rapids, Mich.	1179	70 74	20 00	90 74	223 80	55 95	55 95
Fink, Charles E.	"	"	1179	70 74	20 00	90 74		55 95	55 95
Wood, L. E.	"	"	1179	70 74	20 00	90 74		55 95	55 95
Wolcott, J. A.	"	"	1179	70 74	20 00	90 74		55 95	55 95
Baker, C. E.	Salaam	Olney, Ill.							
Tyler, James	Sesostris	Lincoln, Neb.	715	42 90	20 00	62 90	102 40	51 20	51 20
Peck, Rial S.	"	"	715	42 90	20 00	62 90		51 20	51 20
Simmons, William G.	Sphinx	Hartford, Conn.	1868	112 08	20 00	132 08	283 80	132 08	132 08
Brown, William S.	"	"	1868	112 08	20 00	132 08		132 08	132 08
Walker, William H.	Syria	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1305	78 30	20 00	98 30	630 15	98 30	98 30
Holmes, Americus V.	"	"	1305	78 30	20 00	98 30		98 30	98 30
Siemon, Theo. W.	"	"	1305	78 30	20 00	98 30		98 30	98 30
Buchwalter, M. L.	Syrian	Cincinnati, O.	1000	60 00	30 00	90 00	528 75	90 00	90 00
Goodale, Levi C.	"	"	1000	60 00	20 00	80 00		80 00	80 00
Andrews, Allen	"	"	1000	60 00	20 00	80 00		80 00	80 00
Akin, Henry C.	Tangier	Omaha, Neb.	721	43 26	20 00	63 26	219 00	63 26	63 26
Smith, Richard	"	"	721	43 26	20 00	63 26		63 26	63 26
Anderson, Gustave	"	"	721	43 26	20 00	63 26		63 26	63 26

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Reber, Thomas D.	Tebala	Rockford, Ill.	1154	\$69 24	\$20 00	\$89 24	\$53 10	\$53 10	\$53 10
Hooley, Geo. T.	Tripoli	Milwaukee, Wis.	950	57 00	20 00	77 00	306 60	77 00	77 00
Reckmeyer, William	"	" "	950	57 00	20 00	77 00		77 00	77 00
Pearce, William J.	Zamora	Birmingham, Ala.	675	40 50	20 00	60 50	129 80	60 50	60 50
Bassett, Frank J.	Zem Zem	Erie, Pa.	1365	81 90	20 00	101 90	334 45	101 90	101 90
Shaw, William C.	"	" "	1365	81 90	20 00	101 90		101 90	101 90
Gingrich, W. W.	"	" "	1365	81 90	20 00	101 90		101 90	101 90
Cloher, Wm. H.	Ziyara	Utica, N.Y.	1360	81 60	20 00	101 60	337 30	101 90	101 90
Brown, A. J.	"	" "	1360	81 60	20 00	101 60		84 32	84 32
Simmons, Daniel B.	"	" "	1360	81 60	20 00	101 60		84 32	84 32
Jones, John B.	"	" "	1360	81 60	20 00	101 60		84 32	84 32
Kilvington, S. S.	Zubrah	Minneapolis, Minn.	1032	61 92	20 00	81 92	294 70	81 92	81 92
Total,							\$18,841 30	\$12,875 05	\$12,875 05

RELATING TO JURISDICTION.

Noble Geo. F. Loder of Damascus Temple offered the following, which was on motion referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

To the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Illustrious Nobles: The subscriber, as Illustrious Potentate of Damascus Temple at Rochester, N.Y., hereby submits to this Imperial Council and its Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws the question as to the proper interpretation of the word "resided" in the petitions for membership in subordinate Temples, and the word "resident" as found in section three of article fourteen of the Constitution of the Imperial Council.

The reason for the application is a recent case of invasion of the jurisdiction of Damascus Temple by Cyprus Temple of Albany, N.Y.

Mr. George W. Aldridge was born in Rochester and has resided in Rochester all his life, his present address in the directory being at No. 264 Plymouth avenue. The same address is given in the catalogue of the subscribers to the Bell Telephone Company issued Feb. 15, 1898. That said Aldridge for some years past has occupied an office in the Wilder Building in the city of Rochester, the door of which bears his name to this date; that about Jan. 1, 1895, he was appointed to the office of Superintendent of Public Works of the State of New York, which office he still holds, the duties of which office call for his personal supervision of the canals of the State extending from the western terminus of the State at Buffalo to Albany at the eastern end of the State, and then north up to Lake Champlain; that as such official he has an office provided for him by the State for the transaction of the business of the State at the Capitol in the city of Albany.

That notwithstanding his official duties at Albany, he has continued to and still retains his *legal residence* in the city of Rochester; that he voted in the city of Rochester, being registered from 264 Plymouth avenue on Nov. 2, 1897; that pursuant to the laws of the State of New York there was held in the city of Rochester a caucus or primary of voters residing in the city of Rochester on the 7th day of June, 1898; that pursuant to the provisions of the State governing said primaries it was necessary for any person intending to vote at said primary to register his name and place of residence and his party affiliation some days previous to the said 7th day of June; that said George W. Aldridge complied with said statute, declared his residence to be 264 Plymouth Ave., Rochester, N.Y., in the third ward of said city, and became duly enrolled and entitled to vote at the said primary on the said 7th day

of June, 1898, and did, according to the official records of the said primary, cast his ballot on the said 7th day of June, 1898, in the 3d election district of the third ward of the city of Rochester.

That on or about Feb. 1, 1898, the said George W. Aldridge was received as a member and initiated into Cyprus Temple at Albany, N.Y. Afterwards and on the 9th day of February the subscriber was instructed by unanimous resolution of Damascus Temple to make complaint to the Imperial Potentate, which complaint was duly forwarded to him; that in reply thereto the Imperial Potentate, under date of May 2, recites the statement in the petition of the said Aldridge to Cyprus Temple wherein it is alleged by said Aldridge that he has "resided within the jurisdiction of that (Cyprus) Temple . . . not less than six months . . . etc."

The Imperial Potentate also quotes a letter from Mr. Aldridge wherein he says, "my headquarters are here and I have maintained a home here with my family for the past three years"; but that *he has retained his voting residence* in Rochester as the law gives him a right to do.

For this reason the Imperial Potentate seemed to be of the opinion that Damascus Temple had no just cause for complaint.

Damascus Temple though not desiring to appeal from the determination of the Imperial Potentate in this particular case, nevertheless desires to prevent any further invasions of its jurisdiction by an opinion from the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, or else by an amendment of the Constitution.

The city of Rochester has many representatives in Albany in the Legislature and various departments of the government who spend part of the time in Albany, during which many of them live in rented houses, returning again to Rochester where they also have their legal residence and where they do their voting and where they ask for the support of their fellow citizens. Masonic bodies of Rochester claim jurisdictions over all such persons.

The Court of Appeals of the State of New York has determined the meaning of the word "residence" according to our contention.

One of the most celebrated citizens of the State of New York is the Hon. Thomas C. Platt, United States Senator. He held for many years the office of Quarantine Commissioner of the city of New York, making it his home at the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York, his office and almost his entire business being carried on at 49 Broadway, the headquarters of the U.S. Express Company of which he is, and for many years has been, the President.

He came into collision with David B. Hill, while the latter was Governor of the State of New York, and the Governor instituted proceedings to remove Mr. Platt from his office as Quarantine Commissioner upon the ground that Mr. Platt was not a resident of the district covered by his office. This proceeding was resisted by Mr. Platt but the Governor was successful in all the courts of the State. The opinion by Judge Danforth in the Court of Appeals recites (117 N.Y., 159-166):

He (Mr. Platt) was born in the village of Owego and County of Tioga and resided there down to 1878 when he sold his family residence, retaining a room in the Owego hotel which he occupied on occasional visits down to September, 1882. In September, 1879, he and his wife commenced boarding at the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York and have remained there ever since, except during the heated season. During that time, however, nearly every year and whenever he voted anywhere at local, state or national election he voted at Owego. The Court then cites from the statute that a Quarantine Commissioner must be "a resident of the Metropolitan Police District." The Court then says, "and in all cases where a statute prescribes residence as a qualification for the enjoyment of a privilege or the exercise of a franchise, the word is equivalent to the place of domicile of the person who claims its benefit. *The defendant offers his vote in Tioga County because he is a resident of that county and of the election district where it is offered. It is received under the provision of law that a person so situated shall be entitled to the privilege. And his absence from that county, however long, so that it is temporary, and not in the abandonment of his home, will not deprive him of his residence though his absence extend through a series of years. Nor can his actual presence during that time in another district entitle him to the enjoyment of another franchise for which only a resident of that district is, by law, qualified.*"

In this view of the law as interpreted by the highest court of the State of New York, Damascus Temple claims jurisdiction over George W. Aldridge and all other State officials who continue to vote in the city of Rochester, and we respectfully ask a decision to that effect from the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws and the Imperial Council.

GEO. F. LODER, *Potentate*,
Damascus Temple.

ROCHESTER, N.Y., June 8, 1898.

APPLICATION FOR TEMPLE AT EVANSVILLE, IND.

An application for a dispensation for a Temple to be located at Evansville, Ind., was presented and referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

RECESS.

By vote a recess was ordered until 3 o'clock P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3.15 P.M.

The Imperial Council was called to order by the Imperial Potentate and business proceeded with at 3.15 P.M.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The Imperial Potentate announced the Committee on Time and Place of Next Session.

Noble DAVID D. SEERIE of El Jebel Temple.

Noble EDWARD C. CULP of Isis Temple.

Noble GEORGE F. LODER of Damascus Temple.

Noble W. P. WEBSTER of Morocco Temple.

Noble CHARLES CAMPBELL of Al Malaikah Temple.

JURISDICTION OF INDIA TEMPLE.

Noble E. H. Doyle of India Temple offered the following resolution which was by vote adopted:—

Resolved, That the jurisdiction of India Temple be extended to include the entire Indian and Oklahoma Territories.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XXV., SECTION 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Noble Archibald N. Sloan of Alhambra Temple offered the following:—

Resolved, That Article XXX., Section 1, of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words "Three Black Balls" and inserting the words "One Black Ball."

On motion the resolution was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws with instruction to report on the same at the next annual session.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

DALLAS, TEXAS, June 14, 1898.

To the Imperial Council:

The following petitions have been referred to your Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Zenobia Temple, at Toledo, Ohio, for dispensation.
 El Korah Temple, at Boise, Idaho, for charter.
 Antioch Temple, at Dayton, Ohio, for charter.
 Melha Temple, at Springfield, Mass., for charter.
 Salaam Temple, at Olney, Ill., for reinstatement.

Your committee would recommend that charters be granted to El Korah Temple, at Boise, Idaho, Antioch Temple, at Dayton, Ohio, and Melha Temple, at Springfield, Mass. Also that dispensation be granted to Zenobia Temple, at Toledo, Ohio, the question of jurisdiction to be first agreed upon between the Temples now existent in the State of Ohio.

Your committee have examined the history and reports of Salaam Temple, and see no good reason why said Temple should be restored to membership in this Imperial Council, and would recommend that the territory formerly occupied by them be made the common property of the State of Illinois, and that the charter of Salaam Temple at Olney, Ill., be revoked.

Your committee also recommend that mileage and per diem be allowed to such Nobles as represent the Temples to whom charters are recommended.

Your committee further report that the petition for a Temple in Evansville, Ind., from Nobles residing in that city take the regular constitutional course and be referred to the nearest Temple for their consent before being referred to this Imperial Council.

SAM BRIGGS, *Chairman,*

For the Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendations adopted.

LETTER OF REGRET.

The following letter was read by the Imperial Recorder and ordered printed in the record.

SAVANNAH, GA., June 11, 1898.

MR. B. W. ROWELL,
Imperial Recorder,

Oriental Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

Dear Noble Rowell: It is with much regret that I have to inform you that I will not be able to be with the Imperial Council at their session in Dallas.

I am all ready to go, my grip is packed, and I have had a pleasant anticipation of a royal good time with the Nobles, but Mrs. Cutts is not well enough for me to leave, and at the last moment I must give up the trip. I trust that I can meet with you on some future occasion.

Alee Temple is in deep mourning over the death of our lamented Cavanaugh, but we have bright prospects for the future, and we will ere long increase our numbers largely.

Sincerely regretting that I will not be with you, I am

Yours in the faith,

E. A. CUTTS, *Potentate*,
Alee Temple.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PAY OF REPRESENTATIVES.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers and Members of the Imperial Council.

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem would respectfully report that the official list of representatives present is now in the hands of the Treasurer.

Your committee have looked into the matter of a claim made by Noble John H. Gray of Islam Temple, have decided that an error was made in computing his mileage at the last Annual Session at Detroit, and therefore recommend that a draft be drawn in his favor for the amount of \$38.94.

WILLIAM JOHNSTON,
CHALMERS BROWN,
GEORGE D. BABBITT,
JAMES TYLER,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

INVITATION FROM TRANS-MISSISSIPPI AND INTER- NATIONAL EXPOSITION.

Noble Henry C. Akin presented the following invitation which was after reading accepted.

June 8, 1898.

*To the Imperial Council of the Order of the Mystic Shrine,
in Session, Dallas, Texas.*

Illustrious Nobles : In behalf of the Board of Directors and officers of the Trans-Mississippi & International Exposition now being held at Omaha, Neb., I have the honor to invite you to set apart a day, and would suggest Wednesday, Sept. 14, 1898, as "Shriners'" Day at this Exposition, and give the date and publish same throughout your great

organization, to the end that there may gather here at that time such numbers of the Order as may make it a memorable occasion, not only in the history of your great organization, but upon the records of this Exposition.

It will be our pleasure to unite with your representatives in this locality, to the end that it may be made a most successful and memorable day. I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully yours,

T. S. CLARKSON,
General Manager.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Noble Saram R. Ellison of Mecca Temple offered the following amendments to the Constitution:—

Amend Article III., Section 5, to read:—

All Past Imperial Potentates shall be representatives, *ad vitam*. Said Past Imperial Potentates shall have a voice and vote in the proceedings of the Imperial Council, but shall not be entitled to mileage and per diem expenses.

The Imperial Council may, at its pleasure, elect any member of the Order an emeritus member of the Imperial Council. Said emeritus member or members shall have a voice in the proceedings of the Imperial Council, but shall have no other privileges or emoluments.

EXPLANATION.

This adds the words: "Said Past Imperial Potentates shall have a voice and vote in the proceedings of the Imperial Council, but shall not be entitled to mileage and per diem expenses."

Amend Article III., Section 6, to read:—

Representatives shall be entitled to mileage and per diem expenses when in attendance at the sessions of the Imperial Council, and no representative or representatives shall be entitled to mileage beyond the aggregate amount paid to the Imperial Council for that year, by such Temple as he or they represent, and no deficiency shall be chargeable to a succeeding year.

EXPLANATION.

This leaves out the words "except Past Imperial Potentate."

On motion, the proposed amendments were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Law to report at this session.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.— *Continued.*

Noble Harrison Dingman offered the following amendments to the Constitution :—

Amendment to form new section, Number 3, Article III., p. 3, as follows :—

In the case of the Imperial Potentate, it shall not be necessary for the Temple of which he is a member to return him as one of their representatives, but he shall have the right to govern and preside over the Imperial Council by virtue of his election and installation as Imperial Potentate.

Then renumber the remaining section in Article III.

Amend Section 6, Article III, by adding, after the word "except," in third line, the words "the Imperial Potentate and," so that, if amended the section would read :—

SECT. 6. Representatives shall be entitled to mileage and per diem expenses when in attendance at the Sessions of the Imperial Council, and no representative or representatives, except the Imperial Potentate and Past Imperial Potentates, shall be entitled to mileage beyond the aggregate amount paid to the Imperial Council for that year by such Temple as he or they represent, and no deficiency shall be chargeable to a succeeding year.

Amend Section 1, Article IV., by inserting after the word "whom," in last line, the following, "except the Imperial Potentate," so that if amended, the section would read as follows :—

SECT. 1. The officers of the Imperial Council shall be as follows, viz. :—

- I. Imperial Potentate.
- II. Imperial Deputy Potentate.
- III. Imperial Chief Rabban.
- IV. Imperial Assistant Rabban.
- V. Imperial High Priest and Prophet.
- VI. Imperial Oriental Guide.
- VII. Imperial Treasurer.
- VIII. Imperial Recorder.
- IX. Imperial First Ceremonial Master.
- X. Imperial Second Ceremonial Master or Standard-Bearer.
- XI. Imperial Marshal.
- XII. Imperial Captain of the Guard.
- XIII. Imperial Outer Guard.

All of whom, except the Imperial Potentate, must be representatives to the Imperial Council.

New section to Article XXX.

SECT. 9. In any Temple of our Order where no yearly dues are charged, it shall be the duty of the Recorder of such Temple, at the com-

mencement of each calendar year, to cause each Noble belonging thereto to be furnished with the certificate of good standing, named in Section 8 of this Article.

Amend Section 2, Article XXIII., by adding, after the word "installed," on second line, the following: —

"but upon the death or removal from the Jurisdiction of the Potentate of any Temple, a special election may be held to fill this vacancy, and any other vacancy or vacancies that may occur, by virtue of any officer being promoted, provided satisfactory explanation shall have first been made to, and dispensation secured from, the Imperial Potentate for said Election." So that the section, if amended, would read as follows: —

SECT. 2. The Potentate, Chief Rabban and Assistant Rabban cannot resign after having been duly elected *and installed*, but upon the death or removal from the jurisdiction of the Potentate of any Temple, a special election may be held to fill this vacancy, and any other vacancy or vacancies that may occur, by virtue of any officer being promoted, provided satisfactory explanation shall have first been made to, and dispensation secured from, the Imperial Potentate for said election. Any other officer of a Temple may resign his office. No member can be forced to accept an election to an office.

On motion the several amendments were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Law with instructions to report at the next Annual Session.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The Committee on Time and Place submitted their report as follows, and by vote the report was accepted and the recommendation approved and agreed to: —

DALLAS, TEXAS, June 14, 1898.

To the Imperial Council, A.A.O.N.M.S.:

Your Committee on Time and Place of holding the next session of the Imperial Council A.A.O.N.M.S. respectfully recommend that the time be Wednesday, June 14, 1899, and the place Buffalo, N.Y.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID D. SEERIE, *Chairman.*

E. C. CULP.

GEO. F. LODER.

W. P. WEBSTER.

CHARLES CAMPBELL.

Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JEWEL FOR PAST
IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

DALLAS, TEXAS, June 14, 1898.

To the Imperial Council A.A.O.N.M.S. :

Illustrious Nobles : — In accordance with the resolution adopted at the last session of the Imperial Council, found on page ninety-seven of the printed Proceedings for 1897, authorizing the purchase and presentation of a Past Imperial Potentate's jewel to Past Imperial Potentate Harrison Dingman, your committee appointed for that purpose begs leave to submit the following report.

At the session of the Imperial Council held in the city of Omaha in 1892 (as appears on page seventy-six of the Proceedings of that year), it was

“*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a design for a Past Imperial Potentate's jewel and if the same be approved by the Imperial Potentate-elect, a jewel be purchased and presented to our retiring chief officer, Sam Briggs.”

In accordance with that resolution a committee was appointed consisting of Illustrious Nobles Hudson, Harris and Fox, who prepared the design, submitted the same to Imperial Potentate Melish and, after the same had been approved by him, procured and presented to Illustrious Noble Briggs a jewel made in accordance with said design.

This committee at the session of 1893 (as shown on page seventy-eight of the Proceedings of that year), made the following report: —

“Your committee appointed at the annual session of the Imperial Council held in Omaha, Neb., in August last, to prepare a design for a jewel for Past Imperial Potentates, beg leave to report that they have performed their duty and submit a design prepared by F. G. Smith & Co., of Detroit, Mich., which will cost the sum of \$500.”

On motion of Noble Smith the design was adopted and a committee directed to procure a jewel at a cost not to exceed the sum of \$500.

The design which was at that time adopted as the official Past Imperial Potentate's jewel is shown in the following Design No. 1: —



IMPERIAL POTENTATE'S JEWEL.
DESIGN No. 1.



IMPERIAL POTENTATE'S JEWEL.
DESIGN No. 2.

This design was also used in the preparation of the jewel presented to Past Imperial Potentate Melish in 1895.

Without any further action of the Imperial Council modifying the design which had thus been adopted the committee which was authorized to procure and present an official Past Imperial Potentate's jewel to Past Imperial Potentate Hudson changed the design in several respects, among others modifying the hanger by dropping the three pyramids and substituting crossed scimeters, inserting the date of the constitution of the Imperial Council beneath the pyramid on the seal of the jewel and omitting in the pendant the star and crescent. The committee in making its report made no allusions to these modifications of the original design.

The jewel presented to Past Imperial Potentate Field was similar to the Hudson jewel from which it was copied by the committee having the matter in charge.

Thus, prior to the preparation of the Dingman jewel which was authorized at your last session, there were two different designs, each represented by two different jewels, the Briggs and Melish jewels being alike and the Hudson and Field jewels being alike but different from the other two.

Believing that it was the intention of the Imperial Council by its action in 1893 to establish an official jewel which should be followed in all future cases, your committee decided to use the original design in preparing the Dingman jewel, as that had the sanction of the Imperial Council, with the slight modification of inserting the date of the constitution of the Imperial Council beneath the pyramid in the seal and slightly increasing the size of the seal itself in proportion to the pendant as shown in Design No. 2.

At the special request of Past Imperial Potentate Dingman the making of this jewel was awarded to Illustrious Noble Charles G. Braxmar of New York City, who furnished the same to the committee at the price fixed by the resolution, viz., \$500.00, and the same having been found satisfactory and approved by the committee, the bill was therefore presented to the Imperial Recorder for payment.

Your committee believes that it is desirable that there should be uniformity in the matter of these jewels, and in order that there may be no uncertainty, suggest the adoption of the Dingman jewel, as illustrated by the last cut above shown and described as follows, as the official jewel of the Past Imperial Potentate, viz.: —

Total weight of jewel, 75 pwt. Material, 14 kt. gold and platinum. Length of jewel, 7 inches. Jewel composed of bar, length of which is $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches, made of gold and upon which is raised three pyramids of platinum. Connected to bar by ornamental scrolls is a round disc of gold $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter representing the seal of the Imperial Council, lettered on the border in raised gold letters "Ancient Arabic Order Imperial Council Nobles Mystic Shrine." In the centre of seal is a

raised pyramid of platinum and on said pyramid a raised gold sphinx. Surrounding this pyramid in raised gold letters are the words "North America, June 6, 1876." Connected to this seal by ornamental scrolls is a Shrine badge composed of a pair of genuine tiger claws mounted in crescent form by a band of gold, a border of which is set with diamonds; upon this band of gold is a sphinx head carved of tigerite. A gold band across the brow and throat and the usual draperies at sides of this sphinx head are also set with diamonds. Below the band of throat is a five-pointed star with a solitaire diamond set in same. Connected to this claw crescent by a gold scroll is a five-pointed star, the surface of which is of black enamel, and set on this star in a separable screw setting is a solitaire diamond. Attached to the lower part of this star is a gold crescent also set with diamonds. Upon the back of the seal is engraved "Imperial Council A.A.O.N.M.S. of North America to—— Imperial Potentate——."

On the evening of Dec. 16, 1897, your committee attended the annual meeting of Almas Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., in its Kaaba, Washington, D.C., and in the presence of some six hundred Nobles of that Temple and a large number of visiting Nobles, including a distinguished delegation from Mecca Temple of New York who came as escort to Noble McGee, the chairman of your committee presented in your name the jewel to Past Imperial Potentate Dingman, who responded eloquently and with much feeling returned his thanks to the Imperial Council.

The courtesies for which this Temple is exceptionally famous were extended to your committee, and the event was one which will be pleasantly remembered by all who had the privilege of being present.

Your committee, therefore, having performed the duty assigned to it, begs leave to submit this report, asking that its action be approved, and that its recommendation as to definite action upon the design of the jewel to be hereafter presented be adopted.

In the Faith,

J. H. BROMWELL,

H. STANDIFORD,

Committee.

On motion to accept and adopt the report, Noble James McGee, a member of the committee, addressed the Council in explanation of his signature not appearing on the report, and at the conclusion of his remarks the report of the committee as read by the majority (as above) was accepted, and the recommendations contained therein approved and adopted.

REPRESENTATIVES OF NEW TEMPLES.

On motion of Sam Briggs it was

Resolved, That Nobles J. R. King and G. M. Smart be and are hereby recognized as representatives of Antioch Temple, and that they draw mileage and per diem for attending this session.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND
ACCOUNTS.

*To the Imperial Potentate and Members of the Imperial Council A.A.O.
N.M.S.:*

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts report that they have thoroughly examined the books, vouchers and accounts of the Imperial Recorder and the Imperial Treasurer, and find them correct.

The total receipts for the fiscal year amount to	\$19,817 95
Balance brought forward from last year	9,284 49
Interest	110 00
Making a grand total of	\$29,212 44
We find that the disbursements for the year by warrants 151 to 179 each inclusive amount to	\$14,413 48
Leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer at the end of the fiscal year, April 30, 1898, amounting to	\$14,798 96

which amount is certified to by the cashier of the First National Bank of Pittsburg.

We note with much pleasure that the receipts of the year just closed are \$4,638.79 in excess of the previous year, and that the disbursements are \$1,335 06 less than the previous year.

Your committee recommend that the salary of the Imperial Recorder for the ensuing year be fixed at \$2,000.00, also that 1,000 copies of the proceedings of the present session be printed for distribution.

We also recommend that the Imperial Potentate be authorized to draw on the Imperial Treasurer from time to time, such amounts as may be necessary for the purpose of defraying expenses incurred in the discharge of his official duties, to the extent of \$1,000.

Your committee in examining the returns of the various Temples find that in many instances remittances are not made to the Imperial Recorder in accordance with the law passed at the Twenty-third Annual Session of this Imperial Session (see Section 2, Article XVI.), which pro-

vides that immediate remittance shall be made for every newly-created Noble, and we recommend that in future this provision of the constitution be strictly enforced.

It is with much pleasure that we emphasize the commendatory words of former committees regarding the ability and efficiency of the Imperial Recorder, B. W. Rowell, and the Imperial Treasurer, W. S. Brown. We consider their books and very complete methods of keeping accounts, models of neatness and accuracy.

All of which is courteously submitted,

CLARENCE E. STUMP,
GEORGE F. WHITE,
HARRY A. COLLINS,
Committee.

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion the election of officers was ordered.

TELLERS APPOINTED.

The Imperial Potentate appointed as Tellers of Election : —

Noble SARAM R. ELLISON, Mecca Temple.
Noble C. A. BATSON, Moila Temple.
Noble W. J. PEARCE, Zamora Temple.

Noble James McGee nominated for Imperial Potentate, Noble Ethelbert F. Allen and the list was closed, and on election the Tellers reported that Noble Ethelbert F. Allen had received all the votes cast and was elected.

Noble Ethelbert F. Allen accepted the office in words that were eloquent and impressive.

Noble Lou B. Winsor nominated for Deputy Imperial Potentate, Noble John H. Atwood and on ballot Noble John H. Atwood was declared unanimously elected.

Noble Edward B. Jordan nominated for Imperial Chief Rabban, Noble Lou B. Winsor, who was upon ballot unanimously elected and accepted the office.

Noble J. H. Havens nominated for Imperial Assistant Rabban, Noble Philip C. Shaffer, who receiving all the ballots cast was declared elected and accepted the office.

Noble Gustave Anderson placed in nomination for Imperial High Priest and Prophet, Noble Henry C. Akin and he was unanimously elected and accepted the office.

Noble James McGee nominated for Imperial Oriental Guide, Noble George H. Green.

Noble Levi C. Goodale nominated for Imperial Oriental Guide, Noble Allen Andrews, and the list was closed.

Noble Green addressed the Imperial Council and declined the nomination for Imperial Oriental Guide.

The ballot was ordered proceeded with, the Tellers announcing that the whole number of votes cast were 138, necessary for choice 70, and that Noble Allen Andrews had 61, Noble George H. Green had 72, scattering 5, and Noble George H. Green was declared elected.

Noble George H. Green addressed the Imperial Council and accepted the office.

Noble Allen Andrews also addressed the Imperial Council, expressing his continued interest in the Order, thanking the Nobles for their support, paying to Noble Green a high compliment for his courtesy and friendship.

Both Nobles Green and Andrews received the hearty applause of the representatives.

Noble Hazen of Al Kader Temple nominated for Imperial Treasurer, Noble Wm. S. Brown, and upon ballot he was unanimously elected and accepted the office.

Noble J. D. Havens nominated for Imperial Recorder, Noble Benjamin W. Rowell, who was also unanimously elected and accepted the office.

THANKS TO THE TELLERS.

On motion the thanks of the Imperial Council was extended to the Tellers of election.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSACTIONS OF IMPERIAL OFFICERS.

To the Imperial Council:

Your Committee on Transactions of Imperial Officers beg leave to make the following report:—

We congratulate the Imperial Council on the continued prosperity of our Order, and would call the attention of this Imperial Body to the increased revenue and decreased expenses, as evidenced by the various reports of Imperial Officers.

We would recommend that so much of the Imperial Potentate's address as relates to charters and dispensations, including the matter of

a Shrine at Manila, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That all matters pertaining to decisions, jurisprudence and laws be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws. That the question of the authority of the Imperial Potentate to advance the time of an annual meeting of a Temple, as prescribed by its by-laws, be also referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws. That all matters pertaining to grievances and appeals be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

That that portion of the Imperial Potentate's address referring to the fraternal dead be referred to the Committee on Necrology.

We recommend that the action of the Imperial Potentate in refusing to allow a Temple to appear on parade with fez and jewels in a local celebration not strictly a gathering of Shriners be approved.

We recommend that the action of the Imperial Potentate in refusing to grant dispensations to shorten the time as prescribed by law in which a rejected candidate may again apply for admission to the Order, be approved.

That the matter pertaining to the reinstatement of Salaam Temple of Olney, Ill., as also the matter of redeeming the old visiting certificates of the form adopted in 1896, be referred back to the Imperial Council for such action as it may deem proper.

We recommend that the entire subject matter under the head of "General" be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws for their special consideration and recommendation.

RIAL S. PECK,
E. W. WELLINGTON,
RICHARD LOCKEY,
Committee.

JEWEL FOR PAST IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

Noble James McGee of Mecca Temple offered the following, which was agreed to by a unanimous vote:—

Be it resolved: That the sum of \$500.00 be, and is hereby, appropriated for the purchase of a Past Imperial Potentate's jewel, to be procured and presented to Past Imperial Potentate Albert B. McGaffey by a committee of three Nobles appointed by the Imperial Potentate elect, the same to be paid upon the order of the Chairman of the Committee approved by the Imperial Potentate.

The Imperial Potentate appointed as the committee, James McGee of Mecca Temple, Edward B. Jordan of Lu Lu Temple, Thad B. Beecher of Pyramid Temple.

RELATING TO OLD VISITING CERTIFICATES.

A motion to order the Imperial Recorder to refund the price of the visiting certificates as recommended by the Committee on Transactions of Imperial Officers, action was by vote indefinitely postponed.

THANKS TO HELLA TEMPLE AND THE NOBLES AND LADIES OF TEXAS.

On motion of Noble Henry A. Collins, the thanks of the Imperial Council was voted to the Nobles of Hella Temple and the Nobles and Ladies of Texas for their generous hospitality.

Noble George H. Green of Hella Temple called upon Noble Morris H. Buchwalter of Ohio to respond to the thanks extended to the Nobles and Ladies of Texas, and Noble Buchwalter responded in words that aroused the greatest enthusiasm and applause.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

To the Imperial Council, N.M.S. :

Your committee beg to report that the only amendment to the Constitution and Laws of the Order presented in time for promulgation to the Representatives of the Imperial Council is that of Noble S. R. Ellison of Mecca Temple, New York, reading as follows :

To amend Article XVI., Section 2, as follows :

After the word candidate in the last line, insert the words : "The Imperial Recorder shall upon request of the Recorder of any Temple, issue to every member who joins a Temple by affiliation, a diploma free of charge, upon the return to the Imperial Recorder of the diploma issued by the Temple in which the affiliate received the Order."

We find the amendment to be in proper form and therefore recommend that it be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRISON DINGMAN,
FRED H. SPRING,
MORRIS L. BUCHWALTER,
FRED W. PARKS,
THOMAS R. MORROW.

To the Imperial Council, N.M.S. :

Your committee beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the By-Laws and Amendments submitted for the approval of the Imperial Council by

AMENDMENTS.

El Kalah Temple of Salt Lake City, Utah.
El Zaribah Temple of Phoenix, Arizona.

BY-LAWS.

El Korah Temple of Boise City, Idaho.
 India Temple of Oklahoma City, Okl.
 Kosair Temple of Louisville, Ky.
 Medinah Temple of Chicago, Ills.
 Melha Temple of Springfield, Mass.
 Zem Zem Temple of Erie, Penn.

and that we find the same in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Imperial Council. We therefore recommend that the By-Laws be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRISON DINGMAN,
 FRED H. SPRING,
 MORRIS L. BUCHWALTER,
 FRED W. PARKS,
 THOMAS R. MORROW.

Your committee recommend that the proposed amendments of Sections 5 and 6 of Article III. of the Constitution, by reason of their radical character and change, be printed with these proceedings and be passed for the consideration of the next Imperial Council.

M. L. BUCHWALTER,
 THOMAS R. MORROW,
 FRED H. SPRING,
 FRED W. PARKS.

Referring to the communication from Damascus Temple relative to the question of the meaning of the word "resident" as found in Section 3 of Article XIV. of the Constitution of this Imperial Council, your committee would respectfully report that it appears upon the face of the communication that the question has been decided by the Imperial Potentate and that no appeal has been taken from his decision and that consequently the question is not now properly before this body, unless your committee should take the view that this body ought to undertake the decision of purely moot questions. Your committee does not deem it wise to have such precedent established and therefore would recommend that no action be taken upon the matter in its present condition.

M. L. BUCHWALTER,
 THOMAS R. MORROW,
 FRED H. SPRING,
 FRED W. PARKS.

On motion the report was acted upon seriatim, each section being by vote adopted, and then adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

This committee made a verbal report that owing to the peace and harmony prevailing nothing had been presented to the committee for their action.

On motion, the report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

To the Imperial Council:—

Your Committee on Necrology beg leave to report that recognizing the tribute paid by the Imperial Potentate in his address to the several distinguished Nobles who have departed this life, and by the blessing of our Heavenly Father, not a single link has been severed from the golden chain of this Imperial Council that binds us together; therefore, it is with grateful hearts that we make such a favorable report.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. RYAN,
RICHARD LAMBERT,
W. S. LIDDELL.

On motion this report was accepted and adopted.

OFFICERS APPOINTED.

Imperial Potentate Ethelbert F. Allen announced the following appointments:—

HENRY A. COLLINS,	Imperial 1st Ceremonial Master.
RIAL S. PECK,	“ 2d “ “
GEORGE L. BROWN,	“ Marshal.
ARCHIBALD N. SLOAN,	“ Captain of Guard.
ALVAH P. CLAYTON,	“ Outer Guard.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations recommend that a charter be granted to the petitioners for a Temple at Manilla, in the island of Luzon, under a title to be approved by the Imperial Potentate, when

the proper papers are presented to him, the fee for said dispensation to be refunded if in the judgment of the Imperial Potentate it be proper to do so.

SAM BRIGGS, *Chairman.*
EDWARD B. JORDAN,
THOS. J. BISHOP.

On motion to accept the report, a substitute motion to lay on the table resulted in the substitute motion prevailing 76 in favor and 12 in the negative.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Past Imperial Potentate Albert B. McGaffey then installed into office the several elected and appointed officers, with the exception of Deputy Imperial Potentate John H. Atwood, who was unavoidably absent.

There being no further business, the Imperial Council was declared adjourned at 4 o'clock P.M., to meet in Annual Session in Buffalo, N.Y., on Wednesday, June 14, 1899.

RECORDS APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION.

This record of the Twenty-fourth Annual Session of the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, is approved for publication this 1st day of July, 1898.



Ethelbert L. Allen

Imperial Potentate.

Wm. Powell

Imperial Recorder.



In Memoriam.

SORROW!

SORROW!

SORROW!



Ill. Noble JOHN H. CAVANAUGH,

Representative to the Imperial Council and Potentate of Alee Temple,

Entered the Unseen Temple, Jan 15, 1893.

"One by one their names are written :
Ceased to labor ; home ; at rest."

Necrology.

1897-1898.

ENTERED THE UNSEEN TEMPLE.

Abdallah Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
MAYO, GEORGE W.	Nov. 12, 1897
ALEXANDER, DAVID	Dec. 2, 1897
HACKER, JOHN	June 11, 1896
WOODRUFF, GEORGE M.	Dec. 26, 1895

Acca Temple.

BUFF, A.	Aug. 11, 1897
FISHER, GEORGE	Aug. 26, 1897
ALLEN, B. R.	Feb. 17, 1898
EDWARDS, R. C.	Mar. 17, 1898
MESSICK, F. M.	April 24, 1898

Aladdin Temple.

LAUMAN, E. B.	Aug. 5, 1897
ROWLES, W. T.	Sept. 5, 1897
VALENTINE, L. E.	March 2, 1898
YOUNG, W. H.	April 3, 1898

Al Chymia Temple.

KNEY, CHARLES	June 10, 1897
HOPKINS, P. E.	July 11, 1897
BROOKS, W. M.	Aug. 7, 1897
GRAHAM, T. J.	Aug. 9, 1897
UHRIG, A. J.	Jan. 7, 1898

Aleppo Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
ADAMS, GEORGE W.	Sept. 11, 1897
ANTHONY, CLARENCE S.	*— 1897
BUNTON, ANDREW	June 18, 1897
BINGHAM, JOHN F.	May — 1897
DANA, ISAAC D.	*— 1897
EATON, SAMUEL B.	July — 1897
ELDRIDGE, MARCELLUS	*— 1898
FORRESTALL, JAMES F.	July — 1897
HUMPHREY, WILLIAM	May 27, 1897
HADLEY, FRANK R.	April 19, 1897
LITCHFIELD, HARVEY T.	Sept. — 1897
McINTIRE, FRED A.	*— 1897
NORTON, F. W.	Oct. 9, 1897
PROTHEROE, EDWIN R.	June 7, 1897
PEVEY, GEORGE E.	Feb. 1, 1898
ROBINSON, ALEXANDER	May 9, 1897
SANFORD, SENECA	Oct. 28, 1897
SHATTUCK, RALPH W.	Feb. 9, 1898
SPEARS, J. EVARTS	Dec. — 1897
SHATTUCK, JOSEPH	Aug. — 1897
SMITH, FRANK B.	Nov. 28, 1897
THOMAS, PETER	*— 1897
THOMPSON, EBEN	Dec. 29, 1897
ULTSCH, JOHN B.	Mar. 17, 1898
WAY, CHRISTOPHER	April 14, 1897
WEBB, J. SUMNER	Feb. 11, 1898
WALKER, THOMAS	Jan. 16, 1898

Alee Temple.

CAVANAUGH, JOHN H.	Jan. 15, 1898
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Algeria Temple.

KIRKENDALL, HUGH	April 18, 1897
McQUEEN, WILLIAM	April 16, 1897
SELMITT, WILLIAM H.	May 14, 1897

Alhambra Temple.

BIBLE, JAMES H.	June 25, 1897
SMITH, B. F.	Feb. 10, 1898
SCHREIBER, PETER	Sept. 9, 1897

* Date not reported.

Al Kader Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
DUTHILL, DAVID S.	Aug. 26, 1897

Al Koran Temple.

ARMSTRONG, JAMES F.	Dec. 9, 1897
ALLEN, JAMES A.	Nov. 9, 1897
CLANCY, MARTIN	April 22, 1898
ELMEMDORF, THEO.	Jan. 5, 1898
HARTNELL, GEO. E.	March 5, 1898
HATHAWAY, CHAS. J.	Oct. 26, 1897
JENNINGS, DAVID R.	Oct. 29, 1897
STEPHENS, HENRY A.	Aug. 13, 1897
THOMPSON, FRANK L.	Sept. 22, 1897
STRASBAUGH, JEROME F.	Oct. 1, 1897

Al Malaikah Temple.

CULLEN, K. P.	Jan. 19, 1898
HOUSE, R. FRANK	Feb. 17, 1898
SMITH, G. M.	Mar. 31, 1898

Almas Temple.

HEBNER, MARTIN	May 3, 1897
MALONEY, ELBERT S.	May 22, 1897
MACK, FREDERICK	June 7, 1897
HALLECK, WILLIAM E.	June 23, 1897
LEWIS, ALFRED C.	July 11, 1897
CARDELLA, RAYMOND F.	July 23, 1897
FLOWERS, FRED W.	Aug. 9, 1897
MCDONALD, CHARLES J.	Sept. 12, 1897
COLE, WILLIAM P.	Oct. 8, 1897
MILLER, FRANKLIN B.	Jan. 16, 1898
MYERS, W. H.	March 5, 1898
BLANDFORD, J. W.	Mar. 12, 1898
COCHRAN, GEORGE	April — 1898

Ararat Temple.

BROWN, BENJ. C.	June —, 1897
BAILEY, MARTIN	June 9, 1897
BERGER, LYMAN A.	June 8, 1897
THURMAN, C. D.	Sept. 26, 1897
LANGIE, ROBERT	July 18, 1897

Ballut Abyad Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
HODGSDON, JOS.	May — 1897
SLUDER, EDWARD E.	Oct. 15, 1897
BRUTON, WESLEY C.	Sept. 20, 1897

Beni Kedem Temple.

CARDER, WILLIAM B.	Jan. 27, 1898
GALLAHER, CHAS. M.	Jan. 31, 1898

Ben Hur Temple.

JONES, GEO. W., JR.	Jan. 12, 1898
MALONE, GEO. W.	Mar. 15, 1898
HARDENMAN, WILLIAM P.	April 8, 1898

Boumi Temple.

LAING, CHARLES	May 1, 1897
MERRILL, W. J.	Mar. 29, 1897
REITZ, WILLIAM C.	Sept. 5, 1897
ROECK, JAMES N.	Nov. 4, 1897
GREEN, WILLIAM E.	Dec. 25, 1897
BECKER, JAMES A.	Jan. 1, 1898
GATES, FRANCIS	April 11, 1898

Cyprus Temple.

HASKELL, WILLIAM H.	June 25, 1897
BALL, DAYTON	July 25, 1897
VROOMAN, NELSON	Nov. 2, 1897
BLACKBURN, THOMAS R.	Dec. 30, 1897
HACKNEY, DAVID G.	Mar. 19, 1898
PERKINS, ED. J.	April 16, 1898

Damascus Temple.

MILNE, A. P.	June 7, 1897
DAPP, EDWARD S.	June 11, 1897
CHRISTANCE, WILLIAM L.	Aug. 2, 1897
SHIDLER, LOUIS	Nov. 16, 1897
AUSTIN, C. B.	April 11, 1897
FLICK, JOHN W.	Feb. 10, 1898

El Jebel Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
BARTOW, JOHN L.	April 4, 1897
GIVENS, DANIEL	May 4, 1897
WALKER, GEO. W.	May 26, 1897
DIXON, WILLIAM H.	June 8, 1897
BRADY, W. H. G.	July 31, 1897
FROWNIE, O. H.	Nov. 15, 1897
BROOKS, E. J.	Nov. 20, 1897
STEINWESTY, O. O.	March 3, 1898

El Kahir Temple.

SCHRINER, THEO.	April 14, 1897
GEVETSMAN, CHARLES	Jan. 17, 1897
FARNHAM, S. F.	May 26, 1897
SKINNER, W. H.	April 11, 1897
FORREST, J. P.	June 30, 1897
STARR, SAMUEL H.	May 24, 1897
SUMMERVILLE, W. J.	Nov. 5, 1897
WATSON, W. P.	Dec. 28, 1897
McCAMMON, S. H.	July 18, 1897
CRAWFORD, WM.	July 23, 1897
CAMMON, R. N.	Mar. 30, 1897

El Kalah Temple.

LEE, THOMAS H.	July 18, 1897
DOLBERG, C. H. F.	Aug. 16, 1897

El Katif Temple.

BAINES, H. L.	Feb. — 1898
MONTGOMERY, W. O.	Mar. 15, 1898
HATHAWAY, H. M.	April 1, 1898

El Riad Temple.

HICHBAR, R. H.	Oct. 29, 1897
McKEE, J. T.	Jan. 10, 1897
RUSSIER, FRED	Sept. 1, 1897

El Zagal Temple.

HOWE, ALLEN C.	Dec. 17, 1897
SCOTT, JOHN W.	* — —

* Date not reported.

Hamasa Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
VAUGHN, B. A.	Nov. 5, 1897
HARRIS, W. C.	Nov. 12, 1897
HOUSTON, J. S.	Feb 26, 1898

Hella Temple.

ARNOLD, JAMES C.	Feb. 5, 1898
O'GRADY, STEPHEN	Feb. 24, 1898
BOICE, DAVID E.	Mar. 16, 1898
KANE, JNO. L.	April 22, 1898

India Temple.

LEWIS, W. L. D.	Feb. 4, 1898
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Islam Temple.

TRAINER, L. H.	Jan. — 1897
SIMPSON, T. B.	May — 1897
BLAKELEY, F. A.	May — 1897
LA RUE, JOHN M.	June — 1897
RUNYON, SOL	June — 1897
CROCKER, CHARLES F.	July 7— 1897
LYON, EDWARD	April — 1897
FAULKNER, CHARLES	July 30, 1897
SIMPSON, JAMES	Oct. 22, 1897
BROWN, TOM A.	Dec. — 1897
EDMONDSON, JOHN M.	Dec. — 1897
BASS, THOMAS J.	Mar. 17, 1898

Ismailia Temple.

JOHNSTON, HARRY A.	July 30, 1897
WILLIAMS, JOHN L.	June 13, 1897
HILLER, ORVILLE M.	Sept. 2, 1897
MANN, GEORGE E.	Oct. 2, 1897
ELLIS, ABNER L.	Nov. 1, 1897
GETHING, JAMES P.	Dec. 8, 1897
MILLER, JAMES C.	Dec. 19, 1897
BROWN, A. F. ALLEN	Jan. 26, 1898
TIMANUS, HENRY	Feb. 3, 1898
CORBITT, HERRY C.	April 6, 1898

Isis Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
BEST, LEWIS J.	May 5, 1897
DAKENS, ROBERT A.	May 24, 1897
EASTERBROOK, EDGAR H.	Aug. 16, 1897
FRISBIE, WILLIAM H.	Sept. 8, 1897
HERMAN, JOHN P.	Sept. 10, 1897
TODD, W. A.	Oct. 16, 1897

Jerusalem Temple.

HUDSON, ALLEN B.	June 12, 1897
FELLOWS, JOHN Q. A.	Nov. 28, 1897
TUFTS, ALFRED	Dec. 25, 1897
HEYMAN, LEON	Jan. 13, 1898

Kaaba Temple.

CONNER, ED. W.	May 3, 1897
BARNES, J. W.	Feb. 11, 1898
MANNING, A. W.	* — —
MITCHELL, H. H.	Nov. 30, 1897
PHELPS, R. G.	Mar. 10, 1898
WARNEBOLD, ED.	Oct. 29, 1897

Kismet Temple.

BELL, LUCIAN T.	April 23, 1897
ELLIS, DAVID	June 7, 1897
YORAN, FRANK	June 3, 1897
KIRKLAND, JOHN B.	July 2, 1897
McCAUSLAND, J.	July 16, 1897
WEIGLER, M. F. J.	July 22, 1897
HASKILL, GEO. P.	Aug. 8, 1897
FOLLETT, AUSTIN W.	Aug. 28, 1897
LANDON, MILLS H.	Oct. 29, 1897
AIKIN, R. W.	Nov. 3, 1897
PARTRIDGE, JOSEPH	July 3, 1897
HILDRETH, LUTHER S.	Jan. 17, 1898
AMMERMAN, ALBERT	Feb. 3, 1898
WAGNER, HENRY	Feb. 15, 1898

* Date not reported.

Kora Temple.

NOBLE.		Date.
UNDERWOOD, RALPH	*	— 1896
KNIGHT, GEORGE W.	July	2, 1897

Korein Temple.

IDLEMAN, ABRAM	May	7, 1897
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Kosair Temple.

RUEHSTUHL, J. GEO.	*	—
ROGERS, G. W.	Aug.	10, 1897
BRIGGS, WILLIAM	Oct.	3, 1897
BROWNING, R. L.	Jan.	31, 1898

Lu Lu Temple.

LAING, CHAS.	May	1, 1897
ROLLER, WILLIAM C.	Mar.	11, 1897
SALTER, ROBERT B.	May	9, 1897
GRIST, JAMES E.	May	23, 1897
CLARK, GIDEON	May	24, 1897
WRIGHT, JOS. S.	May	26, 1897
MISSSELWITZ, OSCAR	May	8, 1897
SHAFFER, GUSTAVE R.	June	25, 1897
MACKELLAR, WILLIAM B.	June	25, 1897
SPANGLER, EDWIN J.	Aug.	15, 1897
PATTERSON, DAVID G.	Aug.	17, 1897
MCCAULLEY, EDWARD V.	Sept.	3, 1897
ATKINSON, JOS. B.	Sept.	5, 1897
POMEROY, JOS.	Sept.	24, 1897
SCHETZLINE, REUBEN A.	Sept.	28, 1897
DAVIS, WILLIAM	Sept.	12, 1897
BALL, ELLWOOD	April	6, 1897
BALLIET, JOS. E.	Jan.	12, 1897
FISCHER, LOUIS E.	Oct.	21, 1897
MACFARLANE, E. O.	Jan.	6, 1897
VAN NESS, D. WATSON	May	11, 1897
HOLT, THOMAS	June	7, 1897
COPE, JOHN H.	April	1, 1897
EVANS, THOS. W.	Dec.	9, 1897
WILEY, JAMES C.	Dec.	10, 1897
MELLOR, GEO. S.	Dec.	28, 1897

* Date not reported.

Noble.	Date.
WONDERLEY, BENJ. F.	Dec. 19, 1897
HUDSON, JOHN O.	Feb. 2, 1898
RUDOLPH, SAMUEL W.	Feb. 7, 1898
HARBERLE, WILLIAM	Feb. 19, 1898
HERBERT, HENRY B. B.	Feb. 28, 1898
FAIRLAMB, PASCHAL H.	Feb. 25, 1898
RUTHERFORD, JESSE M.	Feb. 24, 1898
WEIKEL, CHAS. W.	July 7, 1897
RONEY, GEO.	April 1, 1898
DUNHAM, CHAS. H.	Jan. 10, 1898
LAMONT, DAVID	March 5, 1898
HACKEL, WILLIAM S.	Mar. 14, 1898
RAUSCH, LOUIS E.	Mar. 29, 1898

Mecca Temple.

METZER, HENRY E.	May 2, 1897
ERLANKOTTER, CHARLES	May 18, 1897
BURROWS, GEORGE E.	April 16, 1897
YOUNG, MERRITT F.	June 16, 1897
RIPLEY, JOHN S.	June 9, 1897
PETERMAN, WILLIAM J.	June 4, 1897
CHANDLER, MARCUS	June 5, 1897
FOWLER, WILLIAM	July 6, 1897
LOCKE, WILLIAM H.	July 8, 1897
KIRBY, JAMES V.	July 9, 1897
LAWSON, CHARLES J.	July 18, 1897
KIEFER, LOUIS F.	July 23, 1897
TITUS, WILLIAM G.	Aug. 1, 1897
MOORE, WILLIAM H.	Sept. 10, 1897
WILKER, GEORGE	Sept. 19, 1897
SMALL, JAMES B.	Oct. 1, 1897
DICKERSON, HARVEY M.	Oct. 8, 1897
EMBURY, ALPHONSE L.	Oct. 25, 1897
MEEKS, FREDERICK L.	July 4, 1897
SNARE, JAMES C.	Aug. 28, 1897
FINDALE, ROBERT	Nov. 13, 1897
MUNN, ISAAC H.	Nov. 26, 1897
SHELDON, GEO. H.	Jan. 19, 1898
HARNED, JOHN M.	Dec. 2, 1897
HAGGART, THOMAS	Sept. 11, 1897
LUTZ, JOHN S.	Dec. 8, 1897

NOBLE.	Date.
GREENE, JOHN B.	Dec. 10, 1897
HAGAR, WILLIAM D.	Dec. 28, 1897
LONG, ODEL S.	Dec. 26, 1897
McILVOY, SAMUEL H.	Jan. 5, 1898
CAIN, JAMES G.	Feb. 15, 1898
TURNER, WILLIAM H.	Feb. 27, 1898
UTTER, FREDERICK M.	Feb. 14, 1898
PEARCE, ARTHUR B.	Mar. 14, 1898
MINGAY, ELWOOD	April 15, 1898
MEIER, JOSEPH	Mar. 30, 1898
HENNING, CHRISTIAN H.	Feb. 17, 1898
BRAY, CHARLES	Mar. 25, 1898

Media Temple.

DUSTIN, GEORGE W.	July 15, 1897
WALTON, VAN H.	Oct. 7, 1897
LEWIS, ELMER S.	Nov. 4, 1897
PROCTOR, W. L.	Nov. 9, 1897
TRIPP, S. H.	Dec. 4, 1897

Medinah Temple.

CAMIER, ISAAC	March 7, 1897
HARVEY, PATRICK	July 22, 1897
EGAN, FRED J.	Sept. 8, 1897
FINNEGAN, FRANK P.	Aug. 7, 1897
GREENE, ALBERT M.	Oct. 1, 1897
RUSSELL, HENRY T.	Nov. 5, 1897
FRENCH, MERRITT N.	Nov. 9, 1897
ELWOOD, ABRAM	Nov. 11, 1897
FRASER, JOHN R.	Nov. 12, 1897
DENTER, J. C.	Nov. 19, 1897
PIPER, J. S.	Jan. 17, 1898
KIPP, C. M.	Feb. 16, 1898
WOODMAN, C. W.	Mar. 18, 1898
CARQUERVILLE, EDW.	Mar. 21, 1898
COBLEY, WILLIAM E.	Mar. 27, 1898

Moila Temple.

PARISH, THOMAS H.	Oct. 27, 1897
WISNER, JEFFRY A.	March 5, 1898

Mohammed Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
WILLIAMS, JAMES H.	Sept. 28, 1897
POWELL, JOHN W.	Aug. 5, 1897
DEANE, JAMES	Jan. 26, 1898
KIRK, JOHN E.	Mar. 16, 1898
HALL, T. M.	Jan. 28, 1898

Moolah Temple.

KIRKPATRICK, S. E.	May 1, 1897
CULVER, H. H.	Oct. 20, 1897
THORN, W. J.	Oct. 20, 1897
GORHAM, O. HALL	Dec. 15, 1897
PALTON, JOHN M.	Feb. 3, 1898
STRODTMAN, GEO.	Feb. 14, 1898
OLIVER, A. H. B.	March 2, 1898

Morocco Temple.

BANES, L. A.	Mar. 21, 1897
GALYON, T. A.	Feb. 24, 1897

Moslem Temple.

TILTON, B. E.	*— — 1896
SHELDON, FRANK S.	Mar. 23, 1897
MONAGHAN, ED.	May 14, 1897
ARMSTRONG, J. H.	June 7, 1897
DICKERSON, W. W.	July 6, 1897
HARRIS, W. B.	July 25, 1897
HUTCHINGS, WILLIAM R.	Oct. 8, 1897
MOORE, W. F.	Dec. 5, 1897
ULLRICH, PAUL	Dec. 15, 1897
HAMET, O. F.	Jan. 14, 1898
RAYNOR, A. H.	Jan. 27, 1898
SHIPMAN, O. W.	Jan. 28, 1898
SUNLEY, HARRY	Mar. 29, 1898
ROBERTS, T. H.	Mar. 31, 1898
MCGLINEHEY, WILLIAM E.	April 3, 1897

Mt. Sinai Temple.

BARNARD, JOHN J., Expelled. Unmasonic conduct.

* Date not reported.

Mount Sinai Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
MORSE, E. A.	Dec. 24, 1897
PITKIN, HENRY E.	Dec. 23, 1897
WARNER, F. COLBY	Jan. 12, 1898

Murat Temple.

DAGGETT, CHAS. M.	June 14, 1897
DIVINE, CALVIN L.	June 20, 1897
HUMPHREYS, JOHN	April 20, 1898
KING, HARRY	June 24, 1897
McCLELLAN, C. A. O.	Jan. 31, 1898
OLDENDORF, S. D.	May 31, 1897
LESH, JOHN H.	Feb. 15, 1898
ROBERTSON, OMAR A.	Oct. 10, 1897
TAGGART, ROBERT	Oct. 29, 1897
THALMAN, ISAAC	Feb. 11, 1898
SUIT, JOSEPH C.	*— —,

Naja Temple.

PATTERSON, W. S.	*— —,
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Oasis Temple.

CLARK, JOSEPH B.	Oct. 25, 1897
MORSE, JAMES H.	Feb. 14, 1898

Oriental Temple.

ALDRICH, WILLIAM D.	June 4, 1897
HARDER, FRANK P.	June 13, 1897
DORING, CHARLES	Dec. 16, 1897
WINNEY, CHRISTOPHER C.	Dec. 25, 1897
DYER, WILLIAM J.	Jan. 30, 1898
MERRIAM, S. B.	Feb. 5, 1898
BENNETT, RICHARD J.	Feb. 25, 1898
TREODWAY, THOS. J.	Mar. 23, 1898
CUSACK, JAMES W.	April 10, 1898
JACKSON, HARVEY	April 10, 1898
ROWE, WILLIAM H.	April 21, 1898
DAVIDSON, DAVID	April 27, 1898
MILLER, BENJ. F.	Dec. 5, 1895

* Date not reported.

Osiris Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
FRINT, CHAS. S.	April 20, 1898
BROWN, JNO. D.	Aug. 19, 1897
FISHER, FRANK	Oct. 20, 1897
GARVIN, JNO. M.	July 5, 1897
HASSELL, THOMAS J.	March — 1898
McKIBBEN, GEORGE B.	Oct. 17, 1897
ROTHWELL, F. T.	Sept 21, 1897
VARNEY, GEORGE W.	May 24, 1897

Osman Temple.

GILMAN, A. O.	July 16, 1897
SMITH, W. F. L.	Oct. 30, 1897
HANSON, JOHN H.	Mar. 30, 1898
LEE, FRANKLIN W.	Mar. 18, 1898
BAGLEY, N. R.	April 17, 1898

Palestine Temple.

GOSLING, WILLIAM	Sept. 25, 1897
TRESCOTT, WALDO	Nov. 25, 1897
McALLEN, GEO. J.	Jan. 1, 1898
COOK, REUBEN O.	Jan. 7, 1898
CONGDON, WILLIAM P.	Feb. 10, 1898
DIMAN, CHAS. C.	Nov. 11, 1897

Pyramid Temple.

FARQUHER, J. F.	June 6, 1897
WILDMAN, JAMES B.	June 8, 1897
ALLEN, A. WILBUR	July —, 1897
ROBERTSON, WILLIAM R.	July 17, 1897
BISHOP, W. F.	Sept. 2, 1897
GARDNER, HENRY	Feb. 15, 1898
EDWARDS, EDWIN	April 14, 1898
CHADBOURNE, JERRIE E.	April 20, 1898
WEBSTER, HENRY S.	* — —,

Rajah Temple.

YODER, DANIEL A.	June 2, 1897
HESS, LEMUEL B.	April 3, 1898

* Date not reported.

Rameses Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
McKAY, JOHN	Jan. 7, 1897
DORAN, ARTHUR H.	Jan. 23, 1897
SPRY, DANIEL	Aug. 13, 1897
MORDEN, WILLIAM	Dec. 3, 1897
INGLIS, GEO.	March 1, 1898
BESSEY, MAURICE E.	Mar. 14, 1898

Sahara Temple.

NULSEN, MAX A.	Sept. 16, 1897
GOODRICH, RALPH	Oct. 6, 1897
BROWNELL, L. A.	Feb. 3, 1898

Saladin Temple.

GOODING, WILLIAM	Nov. 12, 1896
BILLINGS, J. D.	May 4, 1897
CLARK, N. B.	May 15, 1897
BROWN, C. H.	July 20, 1897
MUMFORD, J. H.	July 23, 1897
PRITT, A. M.	Aug. 27, 1897
SAWYER, W. F.	Oct. 6, 1897
ELLIOTT, A. J.	Oct. 31, 1897
SCOTT, H. A.	Jan. 9, 1898
DOUGAN, G. W.	Feb. 8, 1898
HOLLOWAY, L. L.	Feb. 27, 1898
MOON, J. W.	April 5, 1898
BOUGHTON, WILLIAM	April 10, 1898
STRIKER, DANIEL	April 12, 1898

Syria Temple.

PEAKE, A. J.	Feb. 2, 1897
GORDON, JAMES A.	Feb. 19, 1897
CLAPP, J. M.	July 2, 1897
SHANK, A. J.	Aug. 11, 1897
KIRKER, JOHN	*— —
BLACK, JNO. W.	Feb. 2, 1898
FRANTMAN, CHRISTIAN	March 3, 1898
BALDWIN, WILLIAM	Jan. —, 1898

* Date not reported.

Sphinx Temple.

NOBLE.	Date.
FIELD, BURR K.	Jan. 13, 1898
JOHNSON, E. D.	July 17, 1897
ROBERTS, J. E.	Oct. 31, 1897

Syrian Temple.

BASCH, H. F.	Oct. 22, 1897
FLEISHMAN, C.	Dec. 10, 1897
GAYLE, W. H.	May 4, 1897
HUNT, W. L.	Oct. 24, 1897
LANDY, JAMES	Nov. 18, 1897
RANDALL, J.	Sept. 12, 1897
SNIDER, G. A.	May 15, 1897
WARD, J. A.	Oct. 7, 1897

Tangier Temple.

SHOWERS, O. J.	Jan. 19, 1897
SCHUMAN, ERNEST	Jan. — 1898
RODGERS, WILLIAM O.	Mar. 10, 1898

Tebala Temple.

ROGERS, JAMES S.	* — —
VALE, C. S.	* — —

Tripoli Temple.

DODGE, HENRY S.	June 10, 1897
ANDERTON, JAMES J.	Oct 27, 1897
SUESSMILCH, F. L. VON	Feb. 9, 1898
BEEBE, H. H.	April 18, 1898

Yaarab Temple.

MITCHELL, O. E.	July 12, 1897
COLCORD, J. F.	Aug. 9, 1897
LOOR, WILLIAM A.	Feb. —, 1895
LATHAM, THOS. W.	Mar. 30, 1898

* Date not reported.

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NOBLE.	Date.
BUSS, C. D.	Dec. 24, 1897
CLARKE, JOHN B.	Dec. 13, 1897
MEHL, WILLIAM O.	May 22, 1897
MAUER, MARTIN	June 10, 1897
McALLISTER, CHAS. P.	Mar. 14, 1897
MILLER, ALONZO N.	Nov. 14, 1897
WEINHNER, ADAM J.	Aug. 25, 1897

Ziyara Temple.

SCHEEHL, JACOB	Aug. 21, 1897
McGUCHEN, DANIEL	Sept. 20, 1897
THOMAS, BENJAMIN J.	Dec. 30, 1897
DYGERT, DANIEL	Feb. 23, 1898
CASE, SOLON F.	Nov. 8, 1897
HACKETT, CHARLES W.	April 16, 1898

Zuhrah Temple.

McKINNEY, MOSES	Oct. 30, 1897
RICHARDSON, A.	Nov. 26, 1897
HEFFLINGER, C. A.	Nov. 5, 1897
LACKEY, RICHARD	Nov. 27, 1897

STATES WITH TEMPLES.

JULY, 1898.

STATE.	TEMPLE.	MEMBERSHIP.
Alabama	Zamora Temple . . .	182
Arkansas	Sahara Temple . . .	186
Arizona	El Zaribah Temple . . .	125
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Connecticut	Pyramid and Sphinx Temples . . .	1407
District of Columbia	Almas Temple . . .	810
Florida	Morocco Temple . . .	112
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Idaho	El Korah Temple . . .	41
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Indiana	Murat Temple . . .	916
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Kansas	Abdallah and Isis Temples . . .	1155
Kentucky	Kosair Temple . . .	335
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Mississippi	Hamasa Temple . . .	217
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New Mexico	Ballut Abyad Temple . . .	136
New York	{ Cyprus, Damascus, Ismailia, Kismet, Media, Mecca, Oriental and Ziyara Temples . . .	7537
North Carolina	Oasis Temple . . .	137
North Dakota	El Zagal Temple . . .	517
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Oklahoma	India Temple . . .	150
Oregon	Al Kader Temple . . .	241
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Rhode Island	Palestine Temple . . .	740
South Dakota	El Riad and Naja Temples . . .	472
Tennessee	Al Chymia and Alhambra Temples . . .	369
Texas	Ben Hur and Hella Temples . . .	794

STATE.	TEMPLE.	MEMBERSHIP.
Utah	El Kalah Temple . .	186
Vermont	Mount Sinai Temple . .	606
Virginia	Acca Temple . .	377
Washington	Afil and El Katif Temples . .	463
West Virginia	Beni Kedem and Osiris Temples . .	653
Wisconsin	Tripoli Temple . .	594
Wyoming	Korein Temple . .	142
Canada	Rameses Temple . .	280

Number of Chartered Temples, 79.

Number of Temples under Dispensation,

Number of Nobles, 47,416.

DIRECTORY OF Temples and Officers, also Representatives TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL FOR 1898.

Corrected to July 1, 1898.

REPRESENTATIVES AD VITAM.

Fleming, Walter M.	240 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.
Briggs, Sam	48 Cedar Ave., Cleveland, O.
Melish, Wm. B.	181 Walnut St., Cincinnati, O.
Hudson, Thos. J.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Field, Charles L.	312 Clay St., San Francisco, Cal.
Dingman, Harrison	Atlantic Building, Washington, D.C.
McGaffey, Albert B.	Denver, Col.

EMERITUS MEMBERS.

Rawson, Albert L.	New York, N.Y.
Torrey, Charles W.	Ocala, Fla.
Tyler, George O.	Burlington, Vt.

1. ABDALLAH TEMPLE Leavenworth, Kan.
 Founded March 28, 1887.
 Membership, May 1, 1898, 542.

John H. Atwood, Potentate	Leavenworth, Kan.
Peter J. Freling, Recorder, 425 Delaware St.,	Leavenworth, Kan.

REPRESENTATIVES:

John H. Atwood	Leavenworth, Kan.
Peter J. Freling 425 Delaware St.,	Leavenworth, Kan.
E. W. Osgood	Leavenworth, Kan.

2. ACCA TEMPLE Richmond, Va.
 Founded June 9, 1886.
 Membership, May 1, 1898, 377.

E. D. Hotchkiss, Potentate, cor. 8th and Main Sts.,	Richmond, Va.
C. A. Nesbet, Recorder, Masonic Temple	Richmond, Va.

REPRESENTATIVES:

George L. Street 703 E. Grace St.,	Richmond, Va.
Fred Pleasants 310 Shafer St.,	Richmond, Va.

3. AFIFI TEMPLE Tacoma, Wash.
 Founded Aug. 1, 1888.
 Membership, May 1, 1898, 221.

William R. Nichols, Potentate, 440 St. Helens Ave.	Tacoma, Wash.
Richard A. Ketner, Recorder 712 So. N St.,	Tacoma, Wash.

REPRESENTATIVE:

Hamilton Allan 1108 Pacific Ave.,	Tacoma, Wash.
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4. AHMED TEMPLE Marquette, Mich.

Founded June 14, 1893.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 311.

Frank E. Ketchum, Potentate Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

James Wallace, Recorder Marquette, Mich.

REPRESENTATIVES :

Francis M. Moore Marquette, Mich.

Frank E. Ketchum Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

5. ALADDIN TEMPLE Columbus, O.

Founded June 14, 1893.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 472.

John P. McCune, Potentate Columbus, O.

William E. Joseph, Recorder Columbus, O.

REPRESENTATIVES :

G. H. Barger Columbus, O.

William E. Joseph Columbus, O.

Peter Sells, Jr. Columbus, O.

6. AL CHYMIA TEMPLE Memphis, Tenn.

Founded May 10, 1891.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 149.

John M. Sears, Potentate . . . P.O. Box 204, Memphis, Tenn.

Thomas J. Barchus, Recorder, Masonic Temple, Memphis, Tenn.

REPRESENTATIVE :

John M. Sears, P.O. Box 204 Memphis, Tenn.

7. ALEE TEMPLE Savannah, Ga.

Founded June 23, 1896.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 57.

Ernest A. Cutts, Potentate Savannah, Ga.

Robert L. Colding, Recorder Savannah, Ga.

REPRESENTATIVE :

Ernest A. Cutts Savannah, Ga.

8. ALEPPO TEMPLE Boston, Mass.

Founded June 24, 1883.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 2,992.

Fred H. Spring, Potentate . . 928 Tremont Bldg., Boston, Mass.

Benjamin W. Rowell, Recorder, 28 School St., Boston, Mass.

REPRESENTATIVES :

Benjamin W. Rowell 28 School St., Boston, Mass.

James A. Fox Cambridge, Mass.

Fred H. Spring 928 Tremont Bldg., Boston, Mass.

Frank W. Bird 58 Cornhill, Boston, Mass.

9. ALGERIA TEMPLE Helena, Mont.
Founded March 23, 1888.
Membership, May 1, 1898, 264
Edward C. Day, Potentate Helena, Mont.
George Booker, Recorder P.O. Box 333 Helena, Mont.

REPRESENTATIVE:
Richard Lockey Helena, Mont.
10. ALHAMBRA TEMPLE Chattanooga, Tenn.
Founded Sept. 17, 1889.
Membership, May 1, 1898, 220.
Archibald N. Sloan, Potentate Chattanooga, Tenn.
H. F. Rogers, Recorder Chattanooga, Tenn.

REPRESENTATIVE:
Archibald N. Sloan Chattanooga, Tenn.
11. AL KADER TEMPLE Portland, Ore.
Founded Jan. 3, 1888.
Membership, May 1, 1898, 241.
Irving W. Pratt, Potentate 611 1st St., Portland, Ore.
Benj. G. Whitehouse, Recorder 172 5th St., Portland, Ore.

REPRESENTATIVE:
Frank C. Baker Portland, Ore.
12. AL KORAN TEMPLE Cleveland, O.
Founded Nov. 16, 1876
Membership, May 1, 1898, 911.
Sam Briggs, Potentate Cleveland, O.
Sam Briggs, Recorder Cleveland, O.

REPRESENTATIVES:
Walstene D. Pudney, care L.S. & M.S.R.R. Cleveland, O.
John F. Lane Conneaut, O.
Louis J. Noble, Com. Trav. Club Cleveland, O.
Neville S. Harris 101 2d Ave., Cleveland, O.
Sam Briggs (*ad vitam*) Cleveland, O.
13. AL MALAIKAH TEMPLE Los Angeles, Cal.
Founded Feb. 28, 1888.
Membership, May 1, 1898, 508.
Robert N. Bulla, Potentate 406 Wilcox Block, Los Angeles, Cal.
David E. Barclay, Recorder 1020 W. 24th St., Los Angeles, Cal.

REPRESENTATIVES:
Robert N. Bulla 406 Wilcox Block, Los Angeles, Cal.
Mark G. Jones 1620 W. Pico St., Los Angeles, Cal.
Charles Campbell 125 E. 2d St., Los Angeles, Cal.

14. ALMAS TEMPLE Washington, D.C.

Founded Jan. 17, 1886.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 810.

Henry Standiford, Potentate 717 11th St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

George H. Walker, Recorder Cleveland Park, Washington, D.C.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Thomas B. Walker . . . 204 10th St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Andrew W. Kelley . . . 911 Louisiana Ave., Washington, D.C.

Harry Standiford . . . 717 11th St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Frank H. Thomas . . . 1625 R St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Harrison Dingman, (*ad vitam*) Atlantic Building, Washington, D.C.

15. ANTIOCH TEMPLE Dayton, O.

Founded June 9, 1897.

Membership, May 4, 1898, 308.

G. Frank Kuhns, Potentate, . 235 So. Summit St., Dayton, O.

John R. Fletcher, Recorder, . 41 No. Jefferson St., Dayton, O.

(Not entitled to representatives.)

16. ARARAT TEMPLE Kansas City, Mo.

Founded Dec. 1, 1887.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 879.

Thomas R. Morrow, Potentate, 117 W. 6th St., Kansas City, Mo.

Arnold Shanklin, Recorder, Am. Bank Building, Kansas City, Mo.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Ethelbert F. Allen, N.W. cor. 9th and Wyandotte Sts.,

Kansas City, Mo.

Charles G. Burton Nevada, Mo.

Arnold Shanklin . . . Am. Bank Building, Kansas City, Mo.

Thomas R. Morrow . . . 117 W. 6th St., Kansas City, Mo.

17. BALLUT ABYAD TEMPLE Albuquerque, N.M.

Founded June 11, 1887.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 136.

James H. Wroth, Potentate Albuquerque, N.M.

Frank McKee, Recorder Albuquerque, N.M.

REPRESENTATIVE:

Edward Meddler Albuquerque, N.M.

18. BEN HUR TEMPLE Austin, Tex.

Founded June 2, 1891.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 254.

Charles S. Morse, Potentate Austin, Tex.

E. C. Bartholomew, Recorder, 5 Masonic Temple . Austin, Tex.

REPRESENTATIVE:

William H. Bell Austin, Tex.

19. BENI KEDEM TEMPLE Charleston, W. Va.
Founded June 23, 1896.
Membership, May 1, 1898, 216.
Neil Robinson, Potentate Charleston, W. Va.
Joseph Ruffner, Recorder Charleston, W. Va.
REPRESENTATIVE:
Joseph Ruffner Charleston, W. Va.
20. BOUMI TEMPLE Baltimore, Md.
Founded March 1, 1884.
Membership, May 1, 1898, 479.
George W. Starr, Potentate, 860 N. Howard St. . . Baltimore, Md.
John H. Miller, Recorder, Brown's Wharf . . . Baltimore, Md.
REPRESENTATIVES:
George W. Starr 960 N. Howard St., Baltimore, Md.
William J. Cunningham, 205 E. Fayette St. . . Baltimore, Md.
Charles W. Hatter 356 N. Gay St., Baltimore, Md.
21. CYPRUS TEMPLE Albany, N.Y.
Founded Feb. 2, 1877.
Membership, May 1, 1898, 494.
Will L. Lloyd, Potentate 7 Pine St., Albany, N.Y.
William E. Fitch, Recorder . . . Masonic Temple, Albany, N.Y.
REPRESENTATIVES:
Will L. Lloyd 7 Pine St., Albany, N.Y.
William W. Gray 60 S. Ferry St., Albany, N.Y.
Thomas J. Bishop . . . Greenbush Heights, Rensselaer Co., N.Y.
22. DAMASCUS TEMPLE Rochester, N.Y.
Founded June 7, 1876.
Membership, May 1, 1898, 617.
George F. Loder, Potentate Rochester, N.Y.
John Calder, Recorder P.O. Box 245, Rochester, N.Y.
REPRESENTATIVES:
George F. Loder Rochester, N.Y.
Seth D. W. Cleveland 18 E. Main St., Rochester, N.Y.
Norman F. Haskell 135 Alexander St., Rochester, N.Y.
William S. Bradt 103 Atkinson St., Rochester, N.Y.
23. EL JEBEL TEMPLE Denver, Col.
Founded Dec. 1, 1887.
Membership, May 1, 1898, 751.
James H. Brown, Potentate Cooper Bldg., Denver, Col.
Fred W. Parks, Recorder P.O. Box 239, Denver, Col.
REPRESENTATIVES:
Albert B. McGaffey Peoples Bank Bldg., Denver, Col.
James H. Brown Cooper Bldg., Denver, Col.
A. N. Oliver 17th and Curtis Sts., Denver, Col.
A. F. Vick Roy 1474 Gilpin St., Denver, Col.

24. EL KALAH TEMPLE Salt Lake City, Utah.

Founded June 8, 1890.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 186.

F. C. Schramm, Potentate, McCormick Block, Salt Lake City, Utah.

William S. Evans, Recorder, P.O. Box 487, Salt Lake City, Utah.

REPRESENTATIVE:

Samuel McDowall . . . P.O. Box 1102, Salt Lake City, Utah.

25. EL KAHIR TEMPLE Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Founded Feb. 9, 1886.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 1,379.

Edwin I. Alderman, Potentate Marion, Ia.

John W. Geiger, Recorder Drawer E, Marion, Ia.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Edwin I. Alderman Marion, Ia.

Ernest A. Leo Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Geo. W. Ball Iowa City, Ia.

Charles W. Mullin Waterloo, Ia.

26. EL KATIF TEMPLE Spokane, Wash.

Founded June 10, 1890.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 242.

James M. Fitzpatrick, Potentate Spokane, Wash.

Louis P. Baumann, Recorder Spokane, Wash.

REPRESENTATIVE:

Louis P. Baumann Spokane, Wash.

27. EL KORAH TEMPLE Boise City, Idaho.

Founded June 23, 1896.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 41.

Morgan A. Regan, Potentate Boise City, Idaho.

Theo. W. Randall, Recorder Boise City, Idaho.

(Not entitled to representatives.)

28. EL RIAD TEMPLE Sioux Falls, S.D.

Founded April 2, 1888.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 381.

Daniel S. Glidden, Potentate Sioux Falls, S.D.

Edgar S. Knowles, Recorder Sioux Falls, S.D.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Daniel S. Glidden Sioux Falls, S.D.

Park Davis Sioux Falls, S.D.

Charles E. McKinney Sioux Falls, S.D.

29. EL ZAGAL TEMPLE Fargo, N.D.

Founded Dec. 14, 1889.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 517.

Frank J. Thompson, Potentate Fargo, N.D.
John Urion, Recorder Fargo, N.D.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Clark W. Kelley Devil's Lake, N.D.
John F. Callahan Casselton, N.D.
De Witt C. Moore Grafton, N.D.

30. EL ZARIBAH TEMPLE. Phoenix, Ariz.

Founded Jan. 20, 1896.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 125.

Prosper P. Parker, Potentate Phoenix, Ariz.
Thomas Armstrong, Jr., Recorder Phoenix, Ariz.

REPRESENTATIVE:

Thomas Armstrong, Jr. Phoenix, Ariz.

31. HAMASA TEMPLE Meridian, Miss.

Founded May 22, 1892.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 217.

W. H. Howard, Potentate Meridian, Miss.
H. C. Smith, Recorder Meridian, Miss.

REPRESENTATIVE:

J. M. Buchanan Meridian, Miss.

32. HELLA TEMPLE Dallas, Tex.

Founded July 12, 1887.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 540.

George H. Green, Potentate Thurber, Tex.
John G. Hunter, Recorder Dallas, Tex.

REPRESENTATIVES:

George H. Green Thurber, Tex.
James Garrity Corsicana, Tex.
John G. Hunter Dallas, Tex.

33. INDIA TEMPLE Oklahoma City, Okla.

Founded May 3, 1893.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 150.

Geo. W. Spencer, Potentate Oklahoma City, Okla.
Tom M. Richardson, Jr., Recorder Oklahoma City, Okla.

REPRESENTATIVE:

E. H. Doyle So. McAllister, Ind. Ter.

34. IREM TEMPLE Wilkes Barre, Penn.

Founded Oct. 15, 1895.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 269.

Frank Deitrick, Potentate, City Hall . . . Wilkes Barre, Penn.

Warren R. Bowman, Recorder, 206 Market St., Wilkes Barre, Penn.

REPRESENTATIVE:

William L. Raeder Public Sq., Wilkes Barre, Penn.

35. ISIS TEMPLE Salina, Kan.

Founded March 29, 1887.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 613.

Edward C. Culp, Potentate Salina, Kan.

Alexander Berg, Recorder Salina, Kan.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Edward C. Culp Salina, Kan.

Edward W. Wellington Ellsworth, Kan.

John Anderson Salina, Kan.

36. ISLAM TEMPLE San Francisco, Cal.

Founded March 6, 1883.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 743.

Charles L. Field, Potentate, 312 Clay St., San Francisco, Cal.

Victor D. Duboce, Recorder, 637 Baker St., San Francisco, Cal.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Victor D. Duboce 637 Baker St., San Francisco, Cal.

W. H. F. Titus 732 Sutter St., San Francisco, Cal.

John M. Curtis 126 Kearney St., San Francisco, Cal.

John H. Gray Mills Building, San Francisco, Cal.

Charles L. Field (*ad vitam*) 312 Clay St., San Francisco, Cal.

37. ISMAILIA TEMPLE Buffalo, N.Y.

Founded Nov. 5, 1887.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 955.

George L. Brown, Potentate, Room 210, D. S. Morgan Bldg.,

Buffalo, N.Y.

Charles E. Markham, Recorder, Atlantic Dock, Buffalo, N.Y.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Charles W. Cushman 54 Dun Bldg., Buffalo, N.Y.

Frank T. Gilbert 8 City Hall, Buffalo, N.Y.

George L. Brown 210 D. S. Morgan Bldg., Buffalo, N.Y.

Erastus C. Knight 3 City Hall, Buffalo, N.Y.

38. JERUSALEM TEMPLE New Orleans, La.

Founded March 30, 1885.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 170.

George W. Booth, Potentate New Orleans, La.

Richard Lambert, Recorder, Masonic Temple, New Orleans, La.

REPRESENTATIVE:

Richard Lambert, Room 21, Masonic Temple, New Orleans, La.

39. KAABA TEMPLE Davenport, Ia.

Founded July 1, 1878.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 1084.

George F. White, Potentate . . . 127 W. 13th St., Davenport, Ia.
Cornelius J. Brown, Recorder . . . 306 E. 8th St., Davenport, Ia.

REPRESENTATIVES:

George F. White Davenport, Ia.
George L. Osborn 614 E. 3d St., Davenport, Ia.
Levi F. Cralle 421 11th St., Moline, Ill.
Joseph W. Eells Muscatine, Ia.

40. KISMET TEMPLE Brooklyn, N.Y.

Founded July 2, 1887.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 715.

Joseph H. Cummin, Potentate, 260 Munroe St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
John D. Acker, Recorder . . . 360 State St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Martin B. Klopp . . . 480A McDonough St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Clarence E. Stump . . . 283 Halsey St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Frank C. Mason . . . 217 Adelphi St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Joseph H. Cummin . . . 260 Munroe St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

41. KORA TEMPLE Lewiston, Me.

Founded Dec. 14, 1891.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 537.

George D. Babbitt, Potentate Lewiston, Me.
Albert E. Verrill, Recorder Auburn, Me.

REPRESENTATIVES:

George D. Babbitt Lewiston, Me.
Albert E. Verrill Auburn, Me.
William H. Newell Lewiston, Me.

42. KOREIN TEMPLE Rawlins, Wyo.

Founded Oct. 8, 1894.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 142.

F. Chatterton, Potentate Rawlins, Wyo.
D. L. Rusk, Recorder Rawlins, Wyo.

REPRESENTATIVE:

William Daley Rawlins, Wyo.

43. KOSAIR TEMPLE Louisville, Ky.

Founded Dec. 5, 1894.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 335.

James P. Gregory, Potentate . . . 541 Court Place, Louisville, Ky.
Fred W. Hardwick, Recorder, 1130 W. Main St., Louisville, Ky.

REPRESENTATIVES:

William Ryan 927 3d Ave., Louisville, Ky.
Thomas C. Timberlake . . . 441 W. Main St., Louisville, Ky.

44. LU LU TEMPLE Philadelphia, Penn.

Founded Dec. 31, 1883.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 2557.

Philip C. Shaffer, Potentate . . . 927 Arch St., Philadelphia, Penn.

William Ross, Recorder . . . 307 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Penn.

REPRESENTATIVES :

Edward B. Jordan . . . 1337 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia, Penn.

Frederick Leibrandt . . . 825 No. 7th St., Philadelphia, Penn.

Philip C. Shaffer . . . 927 Arch St., Philadelphia, Penn.

Arthur H. Woodward . . . 2408 N Broad St., Philadelphia, Penn.

45. MECCA TEMPLE New York, N.Y.

Founded Sept. 26, 1872.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 2854.

Augustus W. Peters, Potentate, 60 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Saram R. Ellison, Recorder . . . 266 W. 43d St., New York, N.Y.

REPRESENTATIVES :

George W. Millar . . . 64 Duane St., New York, N.Y.

James McGee . . . 64 Duane St., New York, N.Y.

Saram R. Ellison . . . 266 W. 43d St., New York, N.Y.

Augustus W. Peters . . . 60 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Walter M. Fleming (*ad vitam*) Imperial Hotel, New York, N.Y.

46. MEDIA TEMPLE Watertown, N.Y.

Founded March 19, 1891.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 488.

Danford G. Eggleston, Potentate . . . Watertown, N.Y.

John S. Coon, Recorder . . . Watertown, N.Y.

REPRESENTATIVES :

Danford G. Eggleston . . . Watertown, N.Y.

Thomas J. Whitney . . . Gouverneur, N.Y.

Oron V. Davis . . . Pulaski, N.Y.

47. MEDINAH TEMPLE Chicago, Ill.

Founded Oct. 30, 1882.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 2242.

Robert M. Johnson, Potentate, 67 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

William Johnston, Recorder . . . 192 5th Ave., Chicago, Ill.

REPRESENTATIVES :

Robert M. Johnson . . . 67 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

William Johnston . . . 192 5th Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Frank C. Roundy . . . 190 So. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

Frank W. Campbell . . . Marquette Building, Chicago, Ill.

48. MELHA TEMPLE Springfield, Mass.

Founded June 9, 1897.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 162.

Charles H. Miller, Potentate Springfield, Mass.

Morrison D. Montague, Recorder Springfield, Mass.

(Not entitled to representatives.)

49. MOHAMMED TEMPLE Peoria, Ill.

Founded June 12, 1893.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 386.

George W. Curtiss, Potentate 424 Main St., Peoria, Ill.

Charles F. Hitchcock, Recorder, 132 No. Adams St., Peoria, Ill.

REPRESENTATIVES:

George W. Curtiss 424 Main St., Peoria, Ill.

Seth F. Haskins Peoria, Ill.

50. MOILA TEMPLE St. Joseph, Mo.

Founded Dec. 1, 1887.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 427.

William L. Buechle, Potentate St. Joseph, Mo.

William S. Fowles, Recorder St. Joseph, Mo.

REPRESENTATIVES:

William L. Buechle St. Joseph, Mo.

Alvah P. Clayton St. Joseph, Mo.

Charles A. Batson St. Joseph, Mo.

51. MOOLAH TEMPLE St. Louis, Mo.

Founded April 26, 1886.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 691.

John A. Laird, Potentate, 4468 McPherson Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

John R. Parson, Recorder 314 N. 4th St., St. Louis, Mo.

REPRESENTATIVES:

John A. Laird 4468 McPherson Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Fred A. Smith 806 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Mo.

Anthony H. Wallis 2000 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

George H. Matthews 808 N. 4th St., St. Louis, Mo.

52. MOROCCO TEMPLE Jacksonville, Fla.

Founded March 28, 1888.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 112.

Irving E. Baird, Potentate Jacksonville, Fla.

A. M. Lennig, Recorder Jacksonville, Fla.

REPRESENTATIVE:

W. P. Webster Jacksonville, Fla.

53. MOSLEM TEMPLE Detroit, Mich.

Founded April 21, 1880.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 1,419.

Charles F. Beck, Potentate, 407 Union Trust Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

William M. Bailey, Recorder . . 25 Miami Ave., Detroit, Mich.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Charles F. Beck Union Trust Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

Frank O. Gilbert Bay City, Mich.

Ed R. Harris 256 Lafayette Ave., Detroit, Mich.

George W. Fowle 45 Joy St., Detroit, Mich.

54. MOUNT SINAI TEMPLE Montpelier, Vt.

Founded Oct. 31, 1876.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 606.

Stephen R. Colby, Potentate Montpelier, Vt.

Charles H. Heaton, Recorder Montpelier, Vt.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Stephen R. Colby Montpelier, Vt.

George E. Randall Woodsville, N.H.

Horace W. Lyford Warren, Vt.

55. MURAT TEMPLE Indianapolis, Ind.

Founded March 13, 1884.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 916.

Chalmers Brown, Potentate, 27 Ingalls Block, Indianapolis, Ind.

Joseph W. Smith, Recorder, 29 S. Penna St., Indianapolis, Ind.

REPRESENTATIVES:

John T. Brush When Block, Indianapolis, Ind.

Joseph W. Smith 29 S. Penna St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Chalmers Brown 27 Ingalls Block, Indianapolis, Ind.

Roscoe O. Hawkins 306 Lemcke Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.

56. NAJA TEMPLE Deadwood, S.D.

Founded Sept. 19, 1892.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 91.

B. F. Ankeny, Potentate Deadwood, S.D.

Sol. Star, Recorder Deadwood, S.D.

REPRESENTATIVE:

George V. Ayres Deadwood, S.D.

57 OASIS TEMPLE Charlotte, N.C.

Founded Oct. 10, 1894.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 137.

Walter S. Liddell, Potentate Charlotte, N.C.

William Anderson, Recorder, 403 W. 4th St., Charlotte, N.C.

REPRESENTATIVE:

Walter S. Liddell Charlotte, N.C.

58. ORIENTAL TEMPLE Troy, N.Y.

Founded Feb. 7, 1877.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 782.

Elwin H. Miller, Potentate 71 4th St., Troy, N.Y.
William V. N. Stowell, Recorder 15 3d St., Troy, N.Y.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Henry Schneider 551 Jacob St., Troy, N.Y.
Charles H. Smith Troy City, R.R. Co., Troy, N.Y.
Elwin H. Miller 71 4th St., Troy, N.Y.
John F. Smith Lansburgh, N.Y.

59. OSIRIS TEMPLE Wheeling, W. Va.

Founded July 22, 1886.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 437.

W. Alfred Wilson, Potentate Wheeling, W. Va.
Thomas Carnahan, Jr., Recorder, 64 11th St., Wheeling, W. Va.

REPRESENTATIVES:

W. W. Irwin Wheeling, W. Va.
W. Alfred Wilson Wheeling, W. Va.
W. W. Van Winkle Parkersburg, W. Va.

60. OSMAN TEMPLE St. Paul, Minn.

Founded July 13, 1885.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 661.

Frederick E. Rice, Potentate, care of Pullman Car Co.,
St. Paul, Minn.
John W. Owens, Recorder, care of Adams Ex. Co., St. Paul, Minn.

REPRESENTATIVES:

William H. S. Wright St. Paul, Minn.
Frederick E. Rice, care of Pullman Car Co., St. Paul, Minn.
Henry C. Hope, care of St. P., M. & O. Ry., St. Paul, Minn.
J. W. Chamberlin Endicott Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

61. PALESTINE TEMPLE Providence, R.I.

Founded Feb. 6, 1886.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 740.

Frank T. Pearce, Potentate 85 Sprague St., Providence, R.I.
Edwin Baker, Recorder, 70 Weybossett St., Providence, R.I.

REPRESENTATIVES:

George H. Burnham P.O. Box 223, Providence, R.I.
Horace K. Blanchard, care of Murray, Blanchard & Young,
Providence, R.I.
George L. Shepley Vaughan Building, Providence, R.I.
Albert L. Anthony R.I. Safe Dept. Co., Providence, R.I.

62. PYRAMID TEMPLE Bridgeport, Conn.

Founded April 18, 1877.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 865.

J. Reed Topping, Potentate 107 E. Main St., Bridgeport, Conn.

E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder, 45 Wall St., Bridgeport, Conn.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Thaddeus B. Beecher . . . 289 Myrtle Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

J. Reed Topping . . . 107 E. Main St., Bridgeport, Conn.

Carleton E. Hoadley New Haven, Conn.

Charles B. Ware New London, Conn.

63. RAJAH TEMPLE Reading, Penn.

Founded Aug. 20, 1892.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 497.

James L. Rake, Potentate . . 234 So. 3d St., Reading, Penn.

J. W. Jost, Recorder Box 304, Reading, Penn.

REPRESENTATIVES:

James L. Rake 234 So. 3d St., Reading, Penn.

Harry P. Keiser 531 Court St., Reading, Penn.

J. W. Jost Box 304, Reading, Penn.

64. RAMESES TEMPLE Toronto, Can.

Founded April 21, 1887.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 280.

Henry A. Collins, Potentate . . 20 Major St., Toronto, Can.

Arthur A. S. Ardagh, Recorder, Lock Drawer 2518, Toronto, Can.

REPRESENTATIVE:

Henry A. Collins 20 Major St., Toronto, Can.

65. SAHARA TEMPLE Pine Bluff, Ark.

Founded April 16, 1889.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 186.

Francis H. Head, Potentate Pine Bluff, Ark.

John T. Marsh, Recorder Pine Bluff, Ark.

REPRESENTATIVE:

John T. Marsh Pine Bluff, Ark.

66. SALAAM TEMPLE Olney, Ill.

Founded Jan. 1, 1884.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 43.

Potentate Olney, Ill.

Recorder Olney, Ill.

67. SALADIN TEMPLE Grand Rapids, Mich.

Founded April 22, 1886.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 892.

Lou B. Winsor, Potentate Reed City, Mich.
Charles E. Fink, Recorder Grand Rapids, Mich.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Lou B. Winsor Reed City, Mich.
Charles E. Fink Grand Rapids, Mich.
L. E. Wood Pokagon, Mich.
J. A. Wolcott Grand Rapids, Mich.

68. SESOSTRIS TEMPLE Lincoln, Neb.

Founded June 22, 1887.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 466.

Joseph Hoppock, Potentate Lincoln, Neb.
John A. Ames, Recorder P.O. Box 1440, Lincoln, Neb.

REPRESENTATIVES:

O. E. Baker Beatrice, Neb.
M. H. Garten Lincoln, Neb.
James Tyler Lincoln, Neb.

69. SPHINX TEMPLE Hartford, Conn.

Founded April 30, 1896.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 542.

Rial S. Peck, Potentate Hartford, Conn.
Charles E. Shelton, Recorder Hartford, Conn.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Rial S. Peck Hartford, Conn.
Frank D. May 17 Huntington St, Hartford, Conn.
William G. Simmons Hartford, Conn.

70. SYRIA TEMPLE Pittsburg, Penn.

Founded May 27, 1877.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 1,321.

William H. Walker, Potentate, Academy of Music,
Pittsburg, Penn.
Harry L. Trees, Recorder, P.O. Box 790 Pittsburg, Penn.

REPRESENTATIVES:

William S. Brown 520 Wood St., Pittsburg, Penn.
Theo. W. Siemon, care Philadelphia Co. Pittsburg, Penn.
William H. Walker, Academy of Music Pittsburg, Penn.
Americus V. Holmes 226 5th Ave., Pittsburg, Penn.
Thomas J. Hudson (*ad vitam*), Post Office Pittsburg, Penn.

71. SYRIAN TEMPLE Cincinnati, O.

Founded Feb. 6, 1877.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 1,335.

Eugene L. Lewis, Potentate, P.O. Box 583 . . . Cincinnati, O.

John H. Dunholter, Recorder, 55 Walnut St. . . Cincinnati, O.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Jacob H. Bromwell P.O. Box 755, Cincinnati, O.

Morris L. Buchwalter Carew Building, Cincinnati, O.

Levi C. Goodale 10 E. 3d St., Cincinnati, O.

Allen Andrews Hamilton, O.

William B. Melish (*ad vitam*), 429 Walnut St. . . Cincinnati, O.

72. TANGIER TEMPLE Omaha, Neb.

Founded April 24, 1887.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 610.

Henry Hardy, Potentate, 1319 Farnam St. . . Omaha, Neb.

S. R. Crickmore, Recorder . . . P.O. Box 523, Omaha, Neb.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Henry C. Akin 525 So. 31st St., Omaha, Neb.

Gustave Anderson Creighton Block, Omaha, Neb.

Henry Hardy 1319 Farnam St., Omaha, Neb.

Ray Nye Fremont, Neb.

73. TEBALA TEMPLE Rockford, Ill.

Founded July 25, 1894.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 204.

Thomas D. Reber, Potentate Rockford, Ill.

Frank S. L. Carter, Recorder Rockford, Ill.

REPRESENTATIVE:

Thomas D. Reber Rockford, Ill.

74. TRIPOLI TEMPLE Milwaukee, Wis.

Founded March 9, 1885.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 594.

Benjamin T. Leuzarder, Potentate,

Care of E. P. Allis Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

George T. Hooley, Recorder . . P.O. Box 339, Milwaukee, Wis.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Luther L. Caufy 432 Broadway, Milwaukee, Wis.

W. H. Brazier 470 Broadway, Milwaukee, Wis.

Wm. Reckmeyer 117 Wisconsin St., Milwaukee, Wis.

75. YAARAB TEMPLE Atlanta, Ga.

Founded Dec. 8, 1889.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 252.

Henry C. Stockdell, Potentate, Equitable Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Jno. R. Wilkinson, Recorder . . . P.O. Box 493, Atlanta, Ga.

REPRESENTATIVE:

Henry C. Stockdell Equitable Building, Atlanta, Ga.

76. ZAMORA TEMPLE Birmingham, Ala.

Founded Nov. 10, 1890.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 182.

George F. Wheelock, Potentate Birmingham, Ala.

James T. Meade, Recorder Birmingham, Ala.

REPRESENTATIVE:

William J. Pearce Birmingham, Ala.

77. ZEM ZEM TEMPLE Erie, Penn.

Founded Nov. 10, 1890.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 539.

Francis J. Bassett, Potentate 728 State St., Erie, Penn.

William C. Shaw, Recorder, Cor. 11th and Sass Sts., Erie, Penn.

REPRESENTATIVES:

William C. Shaw Cor. 11th and Sass Sts., Erie, Penn.

Francis J. Bassett 728 State St. Erie, Penn.

Walter W. Gingrich City Hall, Erie, Penn.

78. ZENOBIA TEMPLE, U. D. Toledo, Ohio.

Dispensation granted June 14, 1898.

Membership,

Potentate Toledo, Ohio.

Recorder Toledo, Ohio.

79. ZIYARA TEMPLE Utica, N.Y.

Founded Oct. 30, 1877.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 632.

Danford J. Abrams, Potentate Utica, N.Y.

W. J. McElroy, Recorder Utica, N.Y.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Danford J. Abrams Utica, N.Y.

Noble F. Martin Utica, N.Y.

David B. Simmons Rome, N.Y.

Albert W. Morrell New Hartford, N.Y.

80. ZUHRAH TEMPLE Minneapolis, Minn.

Founded July 22, 1885.

Membership, May 1, 1898, 718.

George T. Huey, Potentate, 230 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

H. M. Myers, Recorder, 704 Masonic Temple, Minneapolis, Minn.

REPRESENTATIVES:

John A. Schlener, 509 Nicollet Ave. Minneapolis, Minn.

S. S. Kilvington Minneapolis, Minn.

A. W. Paris, 1st Ave., N. and 2d Sts. Minneapolis, Minn.

Robert D. Russell, Guaranty Loan Building Minneapolis, Minn.

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Constitution of the Imperial Council
OF THE
ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER
OF THE
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE
FOR
NORTH AMERICA.

REVISED TO JULY 1, 1898.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND POWER.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known by the name, style and title of
THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL
OF THE
ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE
MYSTIC SHRINE
FOR
NORTH AMERICA.

SECT. 2. It has power to enact Laws, Statutes and Regulations for the government of the whole Order; to issue Edicts; to amend or appeal the same; to grant dispensations and charters for holding Temples of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine within its jurisdiction; and to amend or revoke the same. Its authority also extends to such Temples as may be organized under its dispensations or charters in foreign countries.

SECT. 3. It has the exclusive right to control all the subordinate Temples of the Order within its jurisdiction. It may censure, suspend and erase Temples; and try, discipline, suspend, or expel its members for violation and disobedience of its Constitution, Regulations and Edicts.

SECT. 4. It is the body to which all final appeals shall be made on all matters of importance emanating from subordinate Temples.

SECT. 5. This Imperial Council being a legislative body, acknowledging no superior, permits an appeal to be taken by any Representative from the decision of the chair on any question under consideration herein. *Provided*, however, that such appeal shall not be sustained unless two-thirds of all the Representatives present shall vote therefor.

ARTICLE II.

SESSIONS.

SECTION 1. The Imperial Council shall meet annually, at such time and place as shall have been determined by a majority of the Representatives at the previous session.

SECT. 2. Special sessions may be called by the Imperial Potentate in any emergency, at any time and place in his discretion, or, when requested by seven Representatives to this Imperial Council, five of whom shall be members of separate Temples, it shall be his duty so to do; due notice to be given to each subordinate Temple and to each Representative to the Imperial Council, stating the business to be considered; and no other business than that specified in the call or summons shall be transacted.

SECT. 3. All sessions shall be opened in full and ample form.

SECT. 4. Seven Representatives, five of whom shall be Representatives of separate Temples, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECT. 5. At every session all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes (except alterations of this constitution, as herein provided), the presiding officer not being entitled to a vote except in case the vote is equally divided, when he shall have the casting vote.

SECT. 6. At each session, when the Imperial Potentate shall have called the Imperial Council to order, the Committee on Credentials shall immediately determine as to the credentials of the Representatives.

SECT. 7. Notices of sessions of the Imperial Council shall be issued at least 30 days prior to such sessions.

ARTICLE III.

REPRESENTATIVES.

SECTION 1. Representation in the Imperial Council shall be apportioned as follows: To every Temple working by authority of a charter granted by this Imperial Council there shall be one Representative, who must be a member of the Temple electing him. Each Temple shall be entitled to two Representatives when its membership reaches three hundred, three Representatives when its membership reaches four hundred, and four Representatives when its membership reaches six hundred; but no Temple shall be allowed more than four Representatives.

SECT. 2. The Representatives shall be chosen as follows: Each Temple shall annually elect by ballot such Representative or Representatives as it shall be entitled to, and a certified record of such election shall be forwarded to the Imperial Recorder, which credential shall be countersigned by the Recorder of the subordinate Temple, who shall also affix the seal of the Temple thereto.

SECT. 3. The number of membership by which the number of Representatives shall be determined shall be the membership of the Temple on the date of its annual meeting for the election of officers in December of each year.

SECT. 4. Any Representative of the Imperial Council who shall remove and reside permanently out of its jurisdiction, be suspended or expelled by a subordinate Temple, or found guilty of a criminal offence, shall thereby have vacated his office.

SECT. 5. All Past Imperial Potentates shall be Representatives *ad vitam*. The Imperial Council may, at its pleasure, elect any member of the Order an emeritus member of the Imperial Council. Said emeritus member or members shall have a voice in the proceedings of the Imperial Council, but shall have no other privileges or emoluments.

SECT. 6. Representatives shall be entitled to mileage and per diem expenses when in attendance at the sessions of the Imperial Council and no Representative or Representatives, except Past Imperial Potentates, shall be entitled to mileage beyond the aggregate amount paid to the Imperial Council for that year; by such Temple as he or they represent, and no deficiency shall be chargeable to a succeeding year.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS — THEIR TITLES, ELECTION, INSTALLATION, AND TENURE OF OFFICE.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Imperial Council shall be as follows viz. :—

- I. IMPERIAL POTENTATE.
- II. IMPERIAL DEPUTY POTENTATE.
- III. IMPERIAL CHIEF RABBAN.
- IV. IMPERIAL ASSISTANT RABBAN.
- V. IMPERIAL HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET.
- VI. IMPERIAL ORIENTAL GUIDE.
- VII. IMPERIAL TREASURER.
- VIII. IMPERIAL RECORDER.
- IX. IMPERIAL FIRST CEREMONIAL MASTER.
- X. IMPERIAL SECOND CEREMONIAL MASTER OR STANDARD-BEARER.

XI. IMPERIAL MARSHAL.

XII. IMPERIAL CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.

XIII. IMPERIAL OUTER GUARD.

All of whom must be Representatives to the Imperial Council.

SECT. 2. The first eight officers shall be elected by ballot and by a majority vote, at each Annual Session. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the Imperial Potentate, and shall hold their office until their successors are elected, appointed and installed.

SECT. 3. The election of officers shall take place immediately after the transaction of all unfinished business, and the reception and disposal of the reports of the officers.

SECT. 4. The officers of the Imperial Council and of every subordinate Temple in the jurisdiction, before they enter upon the exercise of their respective duties, shall take the following obligation:—

“I (name in full), do solemnly promise and vow that I will faithfully and to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected, and that I will strictly conform to the requirements of the Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council for North America.”

ARTICLE V.

IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

SECTION 1. The Imperial Potentate is the executive officer of the Order within the jurisdiction of this Imperial Council. He may suspend, until the next session of the Imperial Council or for a less time, any officer of the Imperial Council or any Temple or officer thereof for violation or disobedience of the Constitution, regulations or edicts of the Imperial Council.

SECT. 2. He shall preside over all stated and special sessions of the Imperial Council, and at his pleasure, over all sessions of subordinate Temples which he shall favor with his presence.

SECT. 3. When, in his judgment, the good of the Order requires it, he shall have power to call special sessions of the Imperial Council specifying the business to be laid before it.

SECT. 4. During the recess of the Imperial Council, he is invested with a general supervision of the Order through the jurisdiction. He shall have a yearly contingent fund in such an amount as the Imperial Council may vote for each ensuing year, out of which all expenses of his office shall be defrayed.

SECT. 5. He shall have power to confer the Order “at sight” either in person or by a deputy authorized for that purpose, but only for the purpose of organizing new Temples under dispensation in unoccupied territory; and the fees therefor shall be returned into the treasury of the Temple organized under dispensation. The minimum fee in such cases shall be twenty-five dollars for each and every candidate.

SECT. 6. Each Temple may be visited for the purpose of inspection by the Imperial Potentate, or by some Representative from the Imperial Council deputed by him for that purpose, at least once during his term of office.

SECT. 7. He may do all such other acts, and perform all such other duties, not inconsistent with this Constitution, as, in his judgment, the interests of the Order require.

ARTICLE VI.

IMPERIAL DEPUTY POTENTATE.

The Imperial Deputy Potentate, in the event of the death, removal, or physical disability of the Imperial Potentate, shall act, with full power, in his place and stead until the disqualification is removed. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be designated by his superior.

ARTICLE VII.

IMPERIAL CHIEF AND ASSISTANT RABBANS.

The Imperial Chief Rabban and Imperial Assistant Rabban, in the absence of their superiors, shall severally and respectively assume the responsibilities and discharge the duties of their superior officers according to rank. At all other times they shall discharge the duties traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

ARTICLE VIII.

IMPERIAL RECORDER.

SECTION 1. The Imperial Recorder shall attend all sessions of the Imperial Council, and shall keep a true record of all the work, deliberations and transactions of the Imperial Council, and transcribe the same in a book for that purpose.

SECT. 2. He shall collect and receive all the revenue of the Imperial Council, and pay over the amount to the Imperial Treasurer whenever the sum reaches the amount of one hundred dollars. Before entering upon the duties of his office he shall give a bond to the Imperial Potentate in the sum of ten thousand dollars.

SECT. 3. He shall forward to each newly constituted Temple, immediately upon such Temple receiving dispensation, a copy of this constitution, together with such other statutes and edicts as are in force.

SECT. 4. He shall make an annual report of his accounts, and also a summary of the returns of the subordinate Temples showing the number of the members of each; also the admissions, rejections, suspensions, expulsions, dismissions and deaths. He shall have his books, papers and accounts present at the opening of each annual session prepared for examination by the Committee on Finance and Accounts;

shall have in custody the official seal of the Imperial Council and affix it to all official communications; notify the members of the Imperial Council of the annual and special sessions, and perform such other duties appertaining to his office as may be required; and at the expiration of his term of office, deliver to his successor all books, papers, or other property in his possession, belonging to the Imperial Council.

SECT. 5. He shall receive for his services such compensation as the Imperial Council shall from time to time designate.

ARTICLE IX.

IMPERIAL TREASURER.

It is the duty of the Imperial Treasurer to attend all sessions of the Imperial Council, with the books and papers of his office. He shall receive all moneys from the Imperial Recorder, giving his receipt therefor, and shall deposit the same in a National Bank in the name of, and subject to the order of, this Imperial Council. He shall pay all orders authorized to be drawn on him by the Imperial Council; such orders to be signed by the Imperial Recorder and countersigned by the Imperial Potentate, and issued in payment of an appropriation, or in accordance with an order previously made by the Imperial Council, and, before entering upon the duties of his office, give his bond to the Imperial Potentate in the sum of twenty thousand dollars; and shall, at each annual session, render a correct account of his receipts and disbursements; and, at the expiration of his term of office, he shall deliver to his successor all moneys, books, papers or other property that may be in his possession or under his control, as Imperial Treasurer. He shall receive for his services the sum of two hundred dollars per annum.

ARTICLE X.

OTHER OFFICERS.

The remaining officers are to perform such duties as are appropriate to their several stations, or as may be assigned to them by the Imperial Council or the Imperial Potentate.

ARTICLE XI.

COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The following Standing Committees, each consisting of five members, to be appointed by the Imperial Potentate at least sixty days before the meeting of the Imperial Council, shall examine and report to the Imperial Council upon the several matters referred to them.

CREDENTIALS. Whose duty it shall be to examine and report upon the credentials of the newly elected representatives.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS. They shall particularly examine the work and records of each Temple under dispensation and asking for charter, and report to the Imperial Council such action as they shall deem proper.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS. It shall be their duty to examine the books and vouchers of the Imperial Treasurer and Imperial Recorder, and report to the Imperial Council the actual condition of the finances, books and accounts.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS. All matters of controversy, appeal or grievance brought before the Imperial Council shall be referred to this committee, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same and report their action thereon.

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS. To them shall be referred all propositions to revise, alter or amend the Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council, as well as all other matters on questions of law or usage; and they shall report thereon, in writing, to the Imperial Council. They shall meet at least one day in advance of the meeting of the Imperial Council, when they shall be placed in possession of all papers and matters pertaining to the work of their committee.

MILEAGE AND PAY OF REPRESENTATIVES. To them shall be referred all matters pertaining to the mileage and pay of Representatives, and they shall report, by resolution or otherwise, what action should be taken, if any, by the Imperial Council.

TRANSACTIONS OF IMPERIAL OFFICERS. To them shall be referred the annual addresses of the Imperial Potentate and Deputy Imperial Potentate for topical reference to various committees for their consideration.

NECROLOGY. To them shall be referred the names and records of the Illustrious Dead of the Order, that a fitting memorial may be made in our printed proceedings of the good deeds of those who have entered into the Unseen Temple.

ARTICLE XII.

DEPUTIES.

SECTION 1. Deputies may be appointed by the Imperial Potentate for a specific purpose, which shall be set forth in the commissions issued, which shall be executed without unnecessary delay; and the appointment shall cease when the said purposes shall have been executed. It shall be the duty of each Deputy appointed under the provisions of this section to return his authority to the Imperial Potentate with a written report of his action thereunder. The expenses incurred by Deputies shall be paid by the Imperial Treasurer when approved by the Imperial Potentate.

ARTICLE XIII.

DISPENSATIONS FOR TEMPLES.

SECTION 1. The Imperial Potentate shall have power during the recess, to grant Letters of Dispensation to seven or more petitioners properly recommended, possessing the constitutional qualifications, empowering them to form and open a Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. This dispensation shall cease at the next annual session of the Imperial Council, or be continued, recalled, or a charter granted by order of the Imperial Council.

SECT. 2. No dispensation shall be issued unless the petition shall be recommended by the nearest Temple of the Order, but in the event of the refusal of the said nearest Temple to grant consent, it shall be within the power of the Imperial Council, duly assembled, to grant said dispensation without said consent, should they deem it for the best interests of the Order to do so. In each State and Territory within the United States where two or more Temples of the Order exist, no charter or dispensation shall be granted, except by action of the Imperial Council. Should any Temple of the Order have its charter recalled by the action of the Imperial Council, no new charter can be granted provided there be remaining two Temples of the Order within such State or Territory, except by action of the Imperial Council. When an application for a dispensation in unoccupied territory is received, the Temple nearest the site of the proposed new Temple shall be notified of the application for said dispensation, at least thirty days prior to the issuing of the same, that reasons may be assigned, if any, against said dispensation being issued; but nothing in this section shall be construed to impair the prerogative of the Imperial Potentate to issue dispensations in unoccupied territory. The petitioners must give satisfactory evidence of good standing, of a suitable place of meeting, of possessing or having the ability to procure proper furniture and paraphernalia for the use of the Temple, and of being competent to conduct intelligently the ceremonies, work and government thereof.

SECT. 3. No dispensation shall be continued if granted more than six (6) months prior to any regular session of the Imperial Council, neither shall any charter be granted to any Temple not having provided itself with a *seal*, a *proper place of meeting*, and the *necessary paraphernalia* for conferring the order.

SECT. 4. The petitioners for a dispensation, members of the Temple whose consent is required, are not barred from voting on the question of consent.

SECT. 5. A Temple under dispensation is only liable for dues for the fractional part of the year that it was in existence, in addition to the *per capita* dues on members created.

SECT. 6. A Temple holding a dispensation or charter has a legal existence and legal jurisdiction, and whether it works or not, such jurisdiction cannot be gainsaid except by action of the Imperial Council.

SECT. 7. A Temple under dispensation has no right to elect officers, nor is a Potentate of a Temple under dispensation entitled to the rank of a Past Potentate. A Temple under dispensation is not entitled to representation in the Imperial Council.

A Noble signing a petition for a dispensation for a Temple becomes a member of the Temple under dispensation and is amenable to it for dues. He should pay dues to the Temple of which he was a member prior to the issuing of the dispensation only up to the date of the dispensation of the new Temple, and his membership in the chartered Temple remains in abeyance until a charter is granted to the new Temple.

If the dispensation of a new Temple is taken up, and no charter issued, the membership of all Nobles reverts to the Temples of which they were members prior to the issuing of the dispensation.

When a dispensation to any Temple is recalled and no charter issued, all Nobles created in said Temple become members of the Order at large, subject to the authority of the Imperial Council, and are entitled to a certificate to that effect from the Imperial Recorder, which certificate has the force of a demit for purpose of affiliation.

Upon the receipt of a charter it is the duty of the Potentate of the Temple chartered to cause the Recorder to certify that fact to all Temples in which the charter members formerly held their membership and their membership in said Temples thereupon terminates.

ARTICLE XIV.

JURISDICTION OF TEMPLES.

SECTION 1. The territorial jurisdiction of subordinate Temples, chartered by this Imperial Council, extends in all directions to one-half the distance, by a direct line, between itself and the nearest Temple. *Provided*, that in no case can it extend beyond the limits of the State, Territory, or district to which it is located, *provided*, also, that Temples occupying the same State or Territory may agree upon concurrent jurisdiction within or an equitable division of their territory, should they so desire; *provided*, also, that the Imperial Council may declare concurrent jurisdiction or an equitable division of territory between all Temples in States where more than one Temple exists, should it appear for the best interests of the Order to do so, but only after said disputing Temples have failed to agree upon concurrent jurisdiction or an equitable division of territory.

SECT. 2. A Temple shall not act upon a petition for initiation of any one residing within the jurisdiction of another Temple without first obtaining permission of such Temple. It shall be competent in such cases for a Temple to waive its jurisdiction, and permit another Temple to confer the Order upon one residing within its jurisdiction; and such authority shall be given only under the seal of the Temple so granting it.

Temples having concurrent jurisdiction must notify each other of all petitions received. It shall be the duty of the Imperial Potentate to suspend the work of any Temple violating the provisions of this section until the next meeting of the Imperial Council.

SECT. 3. Each Temple is sovereign in its own jurisdiction whether under dispensation or chartered, and no applicant, resident in such jurisdiction, can apply elsewhere for the Order without the consent of the Temple. Where two Temples hold concurrent jurisdiction over territory the consent of both will be necessary to enable an applicant of that jurisdiction to become a member of a Temple in any other jurisdiction.

SECT. 4. Temples may open and confer the Order at any place within their jurisdiction, notice being given of such intent and candidates having been previously elected; but no other business can be transacted at such sessions except the necessary preliminaries toward conferring the Order. A Temple may hold a Ceremonial Session in States or Territories where no Temples exist, provided they obtain a special dispensation from the Imperial Potentate empowering them so to do.

ARTICLE XV.

INITIATION FEE.

The Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine shall not be conferred upon any one for a less sum than twenty-five (25) dollars; but Temples may increase the amount at their pleasure.

ARTICLE XVI.

FEES AND REVENUES.

SECTION 1. The revenue of the Imperial Council shall be derived from the following sources:—

For every dispensation to form and open a Temple, there shall be required and paid one hundred dollars, which must accompany the application for dispensation, and when a charter is granted an additional sum of fifty dollars shall be paid before the charter is delivered.

SECT. 2. Each subordinate Temple shall pay to the Imperial Council the sum of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) for each and every candidate receiving the Order of Noble of the Mystic Shrine within such Temple, which sum shall be forwarded immediately to the Imperial Recorder, who shall forthwith issue a diploma of the Imperial Council to each and every candidate.

The Imperial Recorder shall upon the request of the Recorder of any Temple, issue to every member who joins a Temple by affiliation, a diploma, free of charge, upon the return to the Imperial Recorder of the Diploma issued by the Temple in which the affiliate received the Order.

SECT. 3. Each subordinate Temple shall pay annually to the Imperial Council, in accordance with its membership, the following sum:—

For 100 members or less . . . Fifteen dollars (\$15)

For all members over and above 100 members fifteen cents
for each member.

The dues shall accompany the annual return of every Temple to the Imperial Council.

SECT. 4. For every copy of the Oriental Ritual the fee shall be five (5) dollars. They shall be issued only upon the application of a regular Temple of the Order, but no more than three copies shall be issued to any one Temple, and then only upon order of the Imperial Potentate.

ARTICLE XVII.

THE RITUAL.

The Ritual, as promulgated by the Imperial Council for the use of the Order in its jurisdiction, shall be adopted uniformly by every Temple, and no alterations or additions shall be made in the Ritual, except by authority of the Imperial Council, and every departure therefrom will be considered as an indignity to the same.

ARTICLE XVIII.

REGALIA.

SECTION 1. The emblems, jewels and costumes for every office in this Order, as promulgated by the Imperial Council in the Ritual, shall be strictly adhered to.

SECT. 2. The Red Turkish Fez is adopted as a uniform style of head covering for all Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

ARTICLE XIX.

EMBLEMS AND JEWELS.

The Emblems and Jewels of the Mystic Shrine are the characteristic Insignia of the Oriental nation from which the Order emanates. They are the Crescent, Pyramid, Sphinx Head, Panther-Bodied Female Sphinx, the Urn, Sun, Moon, Stars, etc., and are used to decorate the Tombs, Banners, Draperies, Costumes, Regalia, etc. In mourning drapery, the combination is the Sun with rays, Moon and Stars.

CRESCENT.

The original and universal Emblematic Jewel is the Crescent formed of two nails from a Tiger's Paw, united at their bases with a band of gold, and a ring at the base to suspend it as a charm or Jewel, to be hung points downward. The gold band should be decorated with the Sphinx

Head on one side, a Pyramid with the Urn upon it on the other; the name of the owner, and the date of his receiving the Order, engraved upon the sides; and inside the circle "Allah" or God, and the motto of the Order, which is "Robur et Furor," and signifies "Strength and Fury." Every Noble of the Mystic Shrine is entitled to wear this Jewel. The combining of the emblems of other secret orders with the Jewel of the Shrine is deemed inappropriate, and is therefore prohibited.

The wearing of the Fez and Jewel of the Order on occasions other than meetings of Temples of the Arabic Order, or gatherings of Shriners under the authority of some legal body of the Order, is ill-advised, and Potentates are expected to prevent such action by their members.

ARTICLE XX.

SUBORDINATE TEMPLES — HOW CONSTITUTED.

SECTION 1. All regular subordinate bodies of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine are termed Temples, and shall consist of the following officers: —

I. ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE	<i>Shayk</i>
II. CHIEF RABBAN	<i>Emeer</i>
III. ASSISTANT RABBAN	<i>Sahib</i>
IV. HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET	<i>Imam</i>
V. ORIENTAL GUIDE	<i>Ayn</i>
VI. TREASURER	<i>Chayzin</i>
VII. RECORDER	<i>Katib</i>
VIII. FIRST CEREMONIAL MASTER	<i>Wakil</i>
IX. SECOND CEREMONIAL MASTER OR STANDARD BEARER	<i>Alam</i>
X. DIRECTOR	<i>Malah</i>
XI. MARSHAL	<i>Amal</i>
XII. CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD	<i>Rays</i>
XIII. OUTER GUARD	<i>Hafiz</i>

and as many members as the Temple may admit.

The first seven officers shall be elected annually by ballot. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the Illustrious Potentate.

SECT. 2. When a charter is granted the members of the Temple receiving it must hold an election of officers as soon after its reception as possible.

ARTICLE XXI.

ENTHRONEMENT.

Previous to the enthronement of a Potentate-elect, the Imperial Council requires his assent to the following ordinances: —

First. Do you solemnly vow, upon your honor, that you will exert your best endeavors to promote the true happiness of your brother Nobles of the Mystic Shrine?

Second. That you will endeavor to promote the general good of the Order and preserve the solemnity of the ceremonies with profound respect and reverence?

Third. That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any Temple which does not work under constitutional authority as recognized by the Imperial Council?

Fourth. That you will ever maintain and support the authority of the Imperial Council for North America, and enforce obedience to its Constitution, Regulations and Edicts?

Do you submit to all these Ordinances, and promise to observe and practice them faithfully?

ARTICLE XXII.

ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE — DUTIES.

The Illustrious Potentate is specially charged to see that the By-Laws of his Temple are duly observed, as well as of the Constitution, Regulation and Edicts of the Imperial Council; that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered: that regular returns are made to the Imperial Council, and that the annual dues are promptly paid; and that no fewer than two sessions are held annually, of which one shall be held in December.

ARTICLE XXIII.

OFFICERS OF TEMPLES — DUTIES.

SECTION 1. The duties of the officers of the Temple shall be those assigned to them in the ritual, and as traditionally appropriate to them respectively, as also those defined in the Constitution and Regulations.

SECT. 2. The Potentate, Chief Rabban and Assistant Rabban cannot resign after having been duly elected *and installed*. Any other officer of a Temple may resign his office. No member can be forced to accept an election to an office.

ARTICLE XXIV.

PREREQUISITES FOR THE ORDER.

No application for the Order shall be received unless the applicant is a regular Knight Templar in good standing, or a Thirty-second Degree Mason of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the obedience of either of the Supreme Councils for the Northern or for the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction of such Rite in the United States, and those Supreme Councils which are in amity with and recognized by them. Each application for the Order shall be made upon the form of petition provided by the Imperial Council. To receive and ballot upon petitions at a SPECIAL MEETING, a Temple must apply for and receive a Special Dispensation from the Imperial Potentate authorizing them so to do, in which event

the members of the Temple must receive due and timely notice of the proposed election of candidates under the said dispensation. The penalty for violation of this Article shall be the suspension of the charter of the Temple so offending until the next session of the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XXV.

BALLOT ON CANDIDATES.

SECTION 1. If, upon the balloting for a candidate, subsequent to a favorable report, three black balls shall appear, another ballot shall immediately be had, but no more; upon the appearance of three black balls a second time, the candidate shall be declared rejected and disqualified from making a second application for thirteen weeks.

SECT. 2. After a candidate has been declared elected, any subsequent objection or protest must be filed in writing, signed by at least three members of the body, and must stand. Said objection shall be entered upon the minutes, and shall have the same force and effect as a second ballot, and shall prevent a reconsideration of the matter for thirteen weeks.

ARTICLE XXVI.

DECISION OF QUESTIONS.

All questions shall be determined by a majority of votes.

The presiding officer shall have no vote unless there be a tie, when he shall have the deciding vote.

No appeal from the decision of the Illustrious Potentate shall lie to the Temple. Any member may appeal from the decision of the Illustrious Potentate to the Imperial Potentate, whose decision shall stand until the same shall be revoked or approved by the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XXVII.

NAMES OF TEMPLES.

Every Temple formed in this jurisdiction shall select an ancient Arabic or Egyptian name, according to the ancient laws of the Order.

ARTICLE XXVIII.

SEAL OF TEMPLES.

Every Temple in this jurisdiction shall have a seal, giving the name thereof, an impression of which shall be deposited with the Imperial Recorder.

ARTICLE XXIX.

BY-LAWS.

Each Temple is required to forward a copy of its By-Laws to the Imperial Council for approval, and also, when such approval has been received, to forward to the Imperial Council a copy of such By-Laws.

ARTICLE XXX.

MEMBERSHIP IN TEMPLES.

SECTION 1. Any person applying for the degrees to any Temple, shall be an actual resident of the jurisdiction of the Temple to which he applies for at least six months. Membership may be terminated by voluntary dismissal upon payment of all indebtedness to the Temple, or by expulsion from the Order after due trial, and a vote of three-fourths of the members present when the vote is taken.

Membership is suspended by a member uniting in the formation of a Temple under dispensation and dissolved by the granting of a charter to the new Temple, unless the member gives notice in writing, or personally in open session, at or before the surrender of the dispensation of his intention to resume his former membership.

SECT. 2 A member can hold active membership in but one Temple. A Noble can demit from Commandery and Consistory and still hold membership in his Temple as long as he be in good standing in both of the prerequisite bodies, under the laws of the jurisdiction in which he resides.

SECT. 3. Affiliation is a matter solely between the applicant and the Temple to which he applies. A Noble of the Mystic Shrine, holding a demit from a legal Temple, may present his petition to any Temple of the Order.

SECT. 4. An offense committed by a Noble, which has caused his suspension or expulsion in any Order, membership in which is a prerequisite to this Order, such expulsion or suspension must similarly affect his standing in his Temple.

SECT. 5. A member may be suspended for non-payment of dues, and suspended or expelled for conduct unbecoming a member of the Order.

To suspend for non-payment of dues, a majority vote only of the members present at any regular meeting shall be necessary, provided notice has been given to the delinquent member that he is in arrears and an opportunity afforded him to be present.

For conduct unbecoming a member of the Order, it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the members present to suspend membership, and a vote of three-fourths of the members present to expel a member at any regular meeting.

No member of any Temple can be suspended or expelled for conduct unbecoming a member, without formal charges being presented, notice served upon him and an opportunity afforded him to be heard in his defense.

SECT. 6. Any member of a Temple may object to the presence in his (the objector's) own Temple of any visiting member of the Order should he desire to do so.

SECT. 7. Any Noble suspended or expelled by his Temple may be reinstated by such Temple on written petition and vote and by the same

majority suspending or expelling him, and on payment of all arrearages in case of suspension for non-payment of dues.

SECT. 8. A Noble cannot visit any other Temple than his own, except he exhibit to the Temple which he desires to visit a certificate signed by the Recorder of his own Temple and bearing the seal thereof, that such Noble is in good and regular standing. Such certificate shall be in effect only during the year in which it is dated. The form of the certificate shall be uniform in all Temples as follows:—

———Temple, A..A..O..N..M..S.. of———. This is to certify that Noble —— is a member of —— Temple, and declared to be in good and regular standing during the year 189—.

Dated the —— day of ——, 189—.

[SEAL.]

Recorder.

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(Signature of member.)

ARTICLE XXXI.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Honorary membership may be conferred by subordinate Temples upon any member of this Order, as a compliment, by a majority vote, but such membership confers no rights or privileges.

ARTICLE XXXII.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Every Temple shall annually elect its officers and its Representative or Representatives to the Imperial Council at a stated session to be held in December, and the installation of officers shall take place immediately or at its first succeeding session. If a public installation of officers be deemed desirable, the officers-elect must take the oath of office in the body of the Temple when properly guarded, and prior to the public ceremonies of installation. Should it be impossible to hold the election as required above, a special dispensation to hold said election must be obtained from the Imperial Potentate. In the event of the resignation of any officer, or representative, the Temple may elect a successor without special dispensation for that purpose, provided notice is given the members of the Temple that said election will be held.

ARTICLE XXXIII.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

Every subordinate Temple shall on the 1st day of May or within ten days thereafter in each year, transmit to the Imperial Recorder, in such

form as shall be furnished, its annual return, accompanied by the dues to the Imperial Council, as provided by Article XVI. of this Constitution.

The initiation fee of two dollars and fifty cents for every initiate, shall be paid in accordance with Article XVI. of this Constitution.

Any Temple neglecting or refusing to make its annual returns on or before May 10, accompanied by the fees and dues, shall be notified thereof; and if, after fifteen days' notice, it fails to fully comply, it shall be suspended by the Imperial Potentate until restored by a vote of the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XXXIV.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. The Imperial Council shall be competent, upon the concurrence of three-fourths of the members present at any session, to revise, amend, and alter this Constitution.

SECT. 2. Any member intending to submit a motion relative to a change in the Constitution, Statutes or Regulations, shall give notice thereof in writing, to the Imperial Recorder, at least two months prior to the day on which the session at which said subject is to be discussed is to be held, and notice thereof shall be inserted in the summons; otherwise no such motion shall be entertained, unless the failure to publish the same in the summons is by fault of the officer charged with the duty of issuing it.

SECT. 3. All amendments proposed may be modified in any manner by the Imperial Council while the same is under consideration; no modification, however, shall be made not germane to the matter contained in the original proposed amendment. It shall require a two-thirds vote to change the Constitution in the case of any amendment offered, in accordance with Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this article.

SECT. 4. All amendments to the Constitution and Laws shall be reduced to writing. The entire section to be amended must be fully written out as the same will read with the proposed amendment incorporated therein.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

IMPROPER PUBLICATIONS. WHEREAS, The practice of certain Temples of the Mystic Shrine, owing fealty to this Imperial Council, in introducing immoral, low, vulgar and obscene actions and ceremonies into the ritual is rapidly and justly bringing the Order into contempt, and must finally tend to the disruption of the institution; and, inasmuch as such

practices are evidently countenanced and permitted by certain Potentates and presiding officers of Temples, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Imperial Council hereby emphatically condemns all immoral and vulgar practices, and declares that a repetition of such proceedings shall be sufficient cause for the revocation of the charter of any such Temple.

Resolved, That hereafter the Illustrious Potentate, or presiding officer for the time being, of each Temple shall be held personally responsible for not immediately arresting any attempt at such vulgarity and obscenity, and will render himself subject to expulsion from the Order.— (Proceedings, 1890, page 51.)

PAYMENT BY CHECK. *Resolved*, That the Imperial Treasurer shall pay each Representative entitled to mileage and per diem by check, and take his receipt therefor. The check to be drawn on the bank or banks in which the funds are deposited.— (Proceedings, 1891, page 53.)

ARABIC CALENDAR. *Resolved*, To make the Arabic Calendar, as prepared by Noble Charles A. Hiller of Salina, Kan., the official calendar of the Imperial Council.— (Proceedings, 1891, page 53.)

CREDENTIAL BLANKS. *Resolved*, That the Imperial Recorder be directed to prepare uniform credential blanks and mail them to the several Temples in ample time for filling out and presentation at the annual sessions of the Imperial Council.— (Proceedings, 1891, page 52.)

BADGE. *Resolved*, That the Imperial Council adopt and furnish a badge, to be worn only by delegates to the Imperial Council when in session, and that the same be sent to the Potentate of each Temple by the Imperial Recorder each year, preparatory to the meeting of the Imperial Council, and the same to be delivered to the Representatives by the Potentates.— (1892 Proceedings.)

LIST OF EXPULSIONS, ETC. *Resolved*, That the Imperial Recorder is directed to issue to all Temples, quarterly, a list of all expulsions, suspensions and restorations reported to him.— (1893 Proceedings.)

JURISDICTION OF INDIA TEMPLE. *Resolved*, That the jurisdiction of India Temple be extended to include the entire Indian and Oklahoma Territories.



PETITION FOR
INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP
ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

.....Temple

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF
.....Temple, situated in.....

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar in
good standing in.....
Commandery, No.....situated at
State of.....; a 32.nd degree A. & A. Scottish
Rite Mason, in good standing, in.....
Consistory of.....; that I have resided
within the jurisdiction of your Temple, or in unoccupied territory, not
less than six months, as required by the Constitution of the Imperial
Council, and that I am not under suspension or expulsion in either of the
bodies prerequisite to this Order, and respectfully pray that I may be
made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and become a member of your
Temple.

I furthermore represent that I have never previously applied for
said Order, nor have I, to my knowledge, been rejected by any other
Temple. If I be found worthy, and my request granted, I promise to
conform to all the Ceremonies, Engagements, Constitution, Regulations
and Edicts of the Imperial Council; together with those of your Temple.
Birthplace.....
Date of birth.....day.....month.....year
Profession or occupation.....
Residence; No.....Street, City.....
Business or P.O. Address; No.....Street, City.....
Date
Signature (full name).....

Recommended and vouched for on the honor of

Noble
Noble

Fees, \$.....enclosed.

FORMS.

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION.

TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA:

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents that they are Knights Templar, or Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret 32°, and in good standing as Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, residing in ———, and State of ———, and competent to form and open a Temple of this Order, and to properly discharge the various duties thereof, according to the requirements of the Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council of the Order.

Having the welfare and prosperity of the Order at heart, and being desirous of extending its benefits to worthy Knights Templar and Thirty-second Degree Masons, they pray for a Dispensation, empowering them to form, open and hold a regular Temple of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at ———, and State of ———, to be designated as ——— Temple, and they beg to recommend Illustrious Noble ——— to be the first Illustrious Potentate of said Temple.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	PROFESSION.	COMMANDERY.	CONSISTORY.
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PETITION FOR AFFILIATION.

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF ———
TEMPLE, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC
SHRINE:

The undersigned, a regular Noble of the Mystic Shrine, initiated in ——— Temple, stationed at ———, and last a member of ——— Temple, held at ———, as may be seen by the inclosed Certificate of Demit, respectfully prays that he may be admitted a member of your Temple. He further states that he has not been suspended or expelled in either of the Orders prerequisite to membership in the Shrine since the date of issuing the demit presented herewith.

Signature.....

Profession.....

Age.....

Residence.....

Recommended by.....

CERTIFICATE OF DEMIT.

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

WHEREAS, ——— a Worthy Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and a late Member of ——— Temple, held at ———, under a Charter from the Imperial Council for North America, has regularly withdrawn from said Temple, and conformed to its By-Laws; therefore he is hereby granted this testimonial of his conduct as a Worthy Noble of the Order during his continuance among us, and recommended to the favorable consideration of all true and Worthy Nobles throughout the globe.

Witness his and our hands and the seal of the Temple, this ——— day of 18—.

Attest: (Signature).....*Ne Varietur*
 Residence.....
 Age.....years Profession.....
*Illustrious Potentate.*
*Recorder.*

{ SEAL. }

DIPLOMA OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

ES SELAMU ALEIKUM.

(Signature) ——— THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

To all True and Faithful Nobles of the Mystic Shrine:

Know ye, that the Worthy Noble ———, who has signed his name in the margin hereof, was regularly received, admitted and constituted a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, in ——— Temple of ———, on the ——— day of ———, 18—, and that he is duly enrolled as such upon the Records of the Order.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the Seal of the Imperial Council for North America.

{ SEAL. }

————— *Imperial Potentate.*

Attest: ———, *Imperial Recorder.*

POCKET OR TRAVELLING CERTIFICATE.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA

To all true and faithful Nobles of the Mystic Shrine :

Know ye, that the Worthy Brother ———, who has signed his name in the margin hereof, was regularly received, admitted and constituted a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, in ——— Temple of ———, on the ——— day of ———, 18—, and that he is duly enrolled as such upon the Records of the Order.

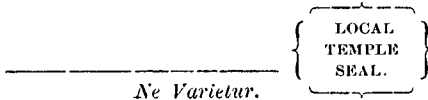
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the Seal of the Imperial Council for North America.



—————, *Imperial Potentate.*

Attest : —————, *Imperial Recorder.*

Noble ——— is, at the date above written, a member in good standing in this Temple.



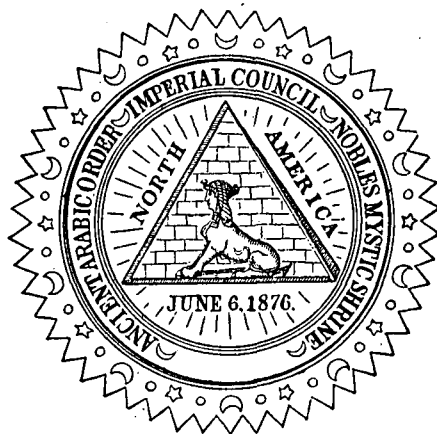
—————, *Recorder.*

—————, *Temple.*

Ne Varietur.

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE

1898-1899



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GREGORIAN AND MOHAMMEDAN
CALENDARS



ISSUED BY
BENJAMIN W. ROWELL
IMPERIAL RECORDER
28 School Street, Boston, Massachusetts

1898

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1898

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..	..	..	..	..	..	91
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
92	93	94	95	96	97	98
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
99	100	101	102	103	104	105
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
106	107	108	109	110	111	112
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
113	114	115	116	117	118	119
30	..	..	..	..	..	..
120	..	..	..	..	..	..

MAY

1899

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
..	1	2	3	4	5	6
..	121	122	123	124	125	126
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
127	128	129	130	131	132	133
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
134	135	136	137	138	139	140
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
141	142	143	144	145	146	147
28	29	30	31	..	..	..
148	149	150	151	..	..	..

JUNE

1899

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
..	..	..	..	1	2	3
..	..	..	..	152	153	154
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
155	156	157	158	159	160	161
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
162	163	164	165	166	167	168
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
169	170	171	172	173	174	175
25	26	27	28	29	30	..
176	177	178	179	180	181	..

JULY

1899

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
..	..	..	..	..	..	1
..	..	..	..	..	..	182
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
183	184	185	186	187	188	189
9	..	..	..	..	..	..
190	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..

1316

Rabih Ul Awwal, 3d Month. 1316.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
..	..	..	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	..	..

Rabih Ul Akhir, 4th Month. 1316.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
..	..	..	..	..	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	..

Jamaz Ul Awwal, 5th Month. 1316.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
..	..	..	..	..	..	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	..	..	..	..	..	..

Jamaz Ul Akhir, 6th Month. 1316.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
..	..	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	..	..

Rajab, 7th Month. 1316.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
..	..	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	..	..	..

Shaaban, 8th Month. 1316.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
..	..	..	..	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	..	..

Ramadan, 9th Month. 1316.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
..	..	..	..	..	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Shawwal, 10th Month. 1316.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	..	..	..	..	..

Duh'l Kaada, 11th Month. 1316.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
..	..	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	..	..	..

Duh'l Hajja, 12th Month. 1316.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
..	..	..	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	..	..

Moharrum, 1st Month. 1317.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
..	..	..	..	..	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Safar, 2d Month. 1317.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	..	..	..	..	..



MOHAMMEDAN YEARS.

Each period of thirty years from the Hegira, or July 15, 622 A.D., constitutes a cycle.

Eleven of these years have a day added at the end of the year, and are shown below by a star.

44th CYCLE.

YEAR	DAY OF	COMMENCEMENT	YEAR	DAY OF	COMMENCEMENT
1291	Wednesday	18 February, 1874	*1306	Friday	7 September, 1888
*1292	Sunday	7 February, 1875	1307	Wednesday	28 August, 1889
1293	Friday	28 January, 1876	*1308	Sunday	17 August, 1890
1294	Tuesday	16 January, 1877	1309	Friday	7 August, 1891
*1295	Saturday	5 January, 1878	1310	Tuesday	26 July, 1892
1296	Thursday	26 December, 1878	*1311	Saturday	15 July, 1893
*1297	Monday	15 December, 1879	1312	Thursday	5 July, 1894
1298	Saturday	4 December, 1880	1313	Monday	24 June, 1895
1299	Wednesday	23 November, 1881	*1314	Friday	12 June, 1896
*1300	Sunday	12 November, 1882	1315	Wednesday	2 June, 1897
1301	Friday	2 November, 1883	*1316	Sunday	22 May, 1898
1302	Tuesday	21 October, 1884	1317	Friday	12 May, 1899
*1303	Saturday	10 October, 1885	1318	Tuesday	1 May, 1900
1304	Thursday	30 September, 1886	*1319	Saturday	20 April, 1901
1305	Monday	19 September, 1887	1320	Thursday	10 April, 1902

MONTHS	DAYS	MONTHS	DAYS
Moharrum	30	Rajab	30
Safar	29	Shaaban	29
Rabih I	30	Ramadan	30
Rabih II	29	Shawwal	29
Jamaz I	30	Dhu'l Kaada	30
Jamaz II	29	Dhu'l Hajja }	29
		And in some years . . . }	30

EXPLANATION OF THE CALENDAR.

The Mohammedan year contains twelve months of thirty and twenty-nine days alternately, except leap year, when the twelfth month has thirty days. The small numbers, from 1 to 365, are the days of the Gregorian year, and are affixed to corresponding days in both calendars.

Example: Tenth Day of the 7th Month, 1316 (marked 328 in red), is the 24th day of November, 1898 (also marked 328 in red).

What day in the Mohammedan year is December 25, 1898 ?

Over 359 (in red) in the Mohammedan Calendar, is found Sunday, the 11th day of the 8th Month, Shaaban, 1316.